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A STRONG FORCE OF GERMAN FIGHTER-BOMBERS INVADED THE SKIES OVER THE STRAITS OF DOVER YESTERDAY AFTERNOON FOLLOWING SATURDAY'S PATROL ACTIVITIES AND SMALL-SCALE DAYLIGHT RAIDS ON SOUTH-EAST ENGLAND.

Spitfires and anti-aircraft guns along the Channel coast went into action and several groups of enemy machines were turned back before reaching the English coast.

There had been considerable activity over the Straits by Spitfires during the morning, and British bombers were seen flying across the sea.

It was learned later that German fighters and fighter-bombers, numbering about a squadron, were chased back across the Straits of Dover during the afternoon by British fighters.

They failed to penetrate beyond the coast and there are no report of bombs being dropped.

Enemy air activity over Britain last night was scattered.

London Alert

Bombs were dropped in fields in one south-eastern district and enemy 'planes were reported in the vicinity of a north-east town.

The alert was sounded in London early in the evening but after a period the all clear signal was given.

Early reports suggested that the attack on London had been very slight.—Reuter.

8TH ROUTE ARMY ANXIETY

Whether the Communist Army will obey orders in future is considerably pre-occupying official minds in Chungking.

Following the recent disbanding of the New Fourth (Communist) Army it was thought that the differences between the Kuomintang and the Chinese Communist Party might be settled amicably through frank discussion at the forthcoming meeting of the National People's Political Council created by the Government in 1938 for the purpose of enabling all the various political groups to consult together.

It is hoped the Communist leaders will attend the meeting and not withdraw their co-operation from the common effort.

The Kwangtung Provincial Council has appealed by telegram to the commanders of the Communist Army to "obey orders."—Reuter.

SHARP GREEK ATTACKS

The Greeks yesterday attacked sharply in the Skumbi and Devoli River Valleys south-east of Elbasan, says Reuter's special correspondent on the Albanian frontier.

On the extreme right activity was confined to artillery duels.

Air activity was more marked, especially by Italian 'planes, which attacked Greek positions and communications.

At midday four Savoia Marchettis bombed the neighbourhood of Florina, a frontier area in Greek Macedonia far behind the battlefield.—Reuter.

HEAVY RAID ON MASSAWA

Fires were started among forts and buildings as a result of an attack by South African fighters on Massawa aerodrome, states a communique from R.A.F. Middle East Headquarters.

At Burie, R.A.F. bombers machine-gunned positions east of the town.

It is now learned that as the result of an encounter near Brava, south of Benghazi, between fighters of Australian squadrons and a number of Junkers 87 and Messerschmidt 110, one Junker and one Messerschmidt were destroyed.

From all operations one British fighter is missing.—Reuter.

SIR REGINALD HOARE OFF TO ANKARA

Sir Reginald Hoare, former British Ambassador in Bucharest, left Istanbul last night for Ankara.

Sir Reginald, who is on the way to Egypt, is expected to remain one day in the Turkish capital as the guest of the British Ambassador.—Reuter.

Ex-King Alfonso Not Dead

Reports of the death of ex-King Alfonso of Spain appear to be premature.

A Reuter despatch from Rome this morning states that Cardinal Maglione, Papal Secretary of State, visited the former monarch yesterday afternoon and talked with him for some minutes.

Alfonso, who received his visitor sitting in an armchair, conversed with perfect lucidity but his condition continues to cause anxiety.

Meanwhile, the Duke of Alba, Spanish Ambassador to Britain, was expected at Lisbon yesterday on his way to Rome, according to a Lisbon despatch to the Havas agency.

The Duke of Alba is an intimate friend of Alfonso, and was stated to be hurrying to his bedside.—Reuter.

LOSS OF NAVAL TRAWLER

A Reuter cable from London quotes an Admiralty announcement of the loss of the trawler Ormonde.

IMPORTANT BLUE NILE TOWN TAKEN

A COMBINED FORCE of British troops and Abyssinian patriots has occupied Shogali, on the Blue Nile, in Abyssinia.

Announcing this yesterday a British communique issued in Cairo says that an enemy counter-attack was repulsed, leaving over 150 dead on the field of battle, while British and Abyssinian patriot losses were slight.

Quantities of war material and many prisoners were captured when British troops occupied Jumbo, near the mouth of the Juba River, in Italian Somaliland.

Operations east of the river continue to develop to the British advantage.

A British column is moving down the Red Sea coast from the north.

Reinforced by Free French forces from French Equatorial Africa this column is making satisfactory headway, while the British forces around Keren continue preparations for the reduction of the Italian position covering the town.

The communique adds that the situation in Libya is unchanged.—Reuter.

LOSSES IN THE AIR

THIRTEEN GERMAN AEROPLANES WERE LOST OVER BRITAIN BETWEEN FEB. 16 AND 22, INCLUSIVE, AND IN THE SAME PERIOD BRITISH LOSSES WERE NIL.

Daily figures were:—

	German	British
Feb. 16	4	—
Feb. 17	6	—
Feb. 21	1	—
Feb. 22	2	—

The British lost seven 'planes over Germany in the same period.

In the Middle East, between Feb. 16 and Feb. 22, the Germans lost five 'planes, the Italians 20 and the British six. Two further German 'planes were brought down by the Royal Navy.—Reuter.

M. CAMPINCHI PASSES

M. Campinchi, former French Navy Minister, died yesterday at Marseilles, according to the Swiss radio quoted by Reuter.

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IL DUCE'S PEP TALK TO ITALY

Urges People To Have Faith In German Strength

Foolish To Talk Of Separate Peace; After Taranto

THE DIFFICULTIES OF THE FIGHT IN WHICH ITALY IS ENGAGED "NOT ONLY IN THE MEDITERRANEAN BUT ABOVE ALL ON WIDELY SEPARATED FRONTS OF WAR AGAINST BRITISH WORLD POWER," WERE EXPLAINED BY MUSSOLINI YESTERDAY IN A SPEECH IN ROME ADDRESSED TO "THE ITALIAN PEOPLE AND TO THE WORLD."

Mussolini expressed his complete conviction that the struggle would come to a "victorious conclusion," declaring that it was the will of Fascist Italy.

Il Duce was speaking at a meeting of the Fascio di Combattimenti del Urbe, and declared he had come to break the silence which was "dear to him, especially in time of war."

Italy, he said, had been at war not eight months but six years, namely since January 3, 1935.

Alluding to General Franco's appeal at the time of the Spanish Civil War, the Duce said: "We could not turn a deaf ear. It was our duty to go to his help."

He proceeded to say: "Really we have been at war since October 28, 1922, when we rose against the plutocratic Masonic and capitalist world.

"In September, 1939, we were on the eve of war. We could could not wait to be entirely ready, for history seized us by the throat.

"Italy immobilised immense enemy forces and so assisted the Germans to win their brilliant victories.

"After France, there remained enemy number one, against whom we shall fight to the last drop of our blood.

"Italy has always had to engage in distant and difficult wars."

Libyan Army

Referring to Libya as "a most important strategic point," Mussolini stated that between October 1, 1937, and January 31, 1941, more than 14,000 officers and 356,000 men, comprising two armies—the Fifth and Tenth—were sent to Libya, as well as 1,900 guns of all calibres and the most recent type, more than 15,300 machine-guns, 11 million artillery shells, more than a thousand million rounds of ammunition for automatic weapons, 24,000 tons of clothing and 759 armoured cars.

"The figures show that careful preparations were made. The soldiers who are fighting in the Empire without hope of reinforcements are those who are furthest away but nearest our hearts."

Sharper Hatred

Mussolini added: "We do not lie like the hypocritical British. We resisted strongly, sometimes furiously.

"We shall always tell the truth and we shall repudiate every falsehood.

"The events of the past months have only sharpened our hatred."

REFERRING TO GREECE AS "THE LAST BRITISH RAMPART IN THE BALKANS," MUSSOLINI SAID GREECE WOULD NOT RENOUNCE THE BRITISH GUARANTEE.

It was necessary to face up to her and on this point there was absolute agreement in all responsible military quarters.

If Winter's Here

Mussolini described Italian soldiers in Albania as "superb, writing pages of legendary glory."

He declared Greek losses were very high and said Spring would come soon and with it the Italians' turn.

He declared British losses were also heavy and ridiculed the statement that the British lost only 2,000 men.

HE ADDED: "SINCE TARANTO, THE COURSE OF THE WAR HAS BEEN UNFAVOURABLE TO US BUT OUR STRENGTH OF RECOVERY IS TREMENDOUS.

With Germany

"It is the last battle that counts. The victory of the Axis is absolutely sure. Whatever happens Italy will march with Germany to the end."

Mussolini declared that collaboration between the Italian and German armies was based on comradeship and cordiality.

"The Germans know Italy is supporting the weight of two million soldiers and an enormous air force and artillery.

"The attitude of the German soldiers in Sicily and Libya is absolutely perfect and worthy of a great army and a great people."

The war strength of Germany was not diminished but increased. Her losses in men and material had been very small.

Il Duce's "Points"

Mussolini made the following points:—

First, the command was in the strong hands of the Fuehrer.

Second, German armaments were infinitely superior to those of Britain.

Third, almost the whole of Eastern Europe was against Britain.

Fourth, unlike the war of 1914/18, the British blockade was valueless.

Fifth, the morale of the Axis people was superior to that of the British.

"The Axis is fighting for victory. Britain is fighting for survival.

"It is foolish to talk of a separate peace. It is impossible to weaken the morale of the Italian people, despite the bombing of towns."

Sixth, Britain was alone and was calling for urgent help from America but this help must arrive in such quantity that it surpasses German strength.

Seventh, when Britain is conquered the war will be finished.

Italy's Role

Eighth, Italy is playing a major role. Her armaments are increasing daily, thanks to the sacrifices of workers.

Ninth, Italy is proud of having dared to try her strength against Britain. "Peoples become great when they have the courage to take risks."

Tenth, to conquer the Axis, British armies must invade the Continent—"a step which no Briton would ever dream of."

Mussolini declared: "The intervention of the United States is founded on the illusion of being a Democracy, also on lies of an attack by the Axis on America.

"The idea of an invasion of America is fantastic and ridiculous."

Deserve Victory

Il Duce concluded by declaring that the Fascist Italian people deserve victory and would have it, for they were bearing with exemplary dignity the sacrifices asked of them.

"Italy's will be the victory and peace with justice," he declared.—Reuter.

The King touring air raid damage in Southampton. Photo shows the King, accompanied by Mr. Herbert Morrison, walking through one of the damaged streets while soldiers are still busy in clearing up operations.

SEVENTH DAY OF SENATE DEBATE

THE UNITED STATES SENATE to-day begins the seventh day of its debate on the Lease and Lend Bill for aiding Britain, and there is every likelihood that the Senate will pass the measure at the latest by the end of the week.

There are indications in Washington that Administration leaders are preparing for quick action after the Bill has received final congressional approval

It is reported that appropriations and requests were discussed at the recent meeting of the Secretaries of War, Navy and Agriculture.

A statement made yesterday by Senator George, Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, indicates that the Administration may accept further amendments to the Bill.

Senator George stated that the majority members of the Committee are meeting this week to discuss three or four amendments. — Reuter.

WAR UPSETS DIVORCES

Mr. Justice Henn Collins had a high "casualty list" in the Divorce Court. Application followed application for the postponement of the hearing of cases.

In one instance efforts to trace a petitioner had failed, owing, it was said to the effects of enemy action.

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Il Duce On The Defensive: Rests On Hitler's Power

WHILE OFFICIAL London comment on Mussolini's speech is unavailable the defensive character of the address is regarded as noteworthy in authoritative quarters.

The statement that Italy has been at war since 1935 or 1922 is, it is pointed out, clearly designed to counter criticism against the Duce and the Fascists that they led the country needlessly into war in June, 1940.

The Duce held out no prospect that Italy's position would improve by her own efforts but hope was pinned on German assistance and strength

The Duce admitted there is no hope of reinforcing Italian East Africa and acknowledged the immense industrial potential of the United States.

As regards Mussolini's claim that heavy losses were inflicted on the British in the first four months of Italy's war, the facts are that during that period Italy lost 278 'planes beside 87 believed destroyed, while Britain lost 35 only.

Italy lost the cruiser "Bartolemeo Colleoni," five destroyers and 21 submarines, while Britain lost the light cruiser "Calypso" and a total of 10 destroyers and submarines, of both of which a great part were most likely lost through German action rather than in the Mediterranean.

Military Necessity

It is noted in London that Mussolini is now trying to justify the Greek war as an unfortunate military necessity, indicating the degree of disquiet the Greek disasters have caused Italy, and the currency of reports of a division of opinion between him and the army.—Reuter.

JAPANESE ADVICE TO BRITAIN

Britain and the United States are urged by the "Miyako Shimbun," influential Tokyo daily, to "lend an ear" to the statements made by the Japanese Foreign Minister in his press interview on Friday.

Britain and the United States are counselled to "refrain from taking any dangerous steps based on a misunderstanding or misapprehension." — Reuter.

HOUSING BRUM'S HOMELESS

Birmingham A.R.F. committee houses in surrounding districts to are taking over a thousand empty accommodate people made homeless in the big air raids on the city.

The meet food problems communal feeding centres and kitchens are being opened in the city and on a municipal housing estate.

Fifty schools where there are cooking centres are also being taken over.

Says Councillor Norman Tipstaff: "Neither vested interests nor the convenience of private individuals will stand in the way of the A.R.F. Committee's plans.

"Two hundred hostels are also being opened.

"The feeding centres are not only for air-raid victims. They are also to assist the ordinary citizen."

The Lord Mayor has issued an urgent appeal asking victims to try to find accommodation with peals to Salvation Army officers, friends or heighbours. He also ap- school teachers and public officials to volunteer aid.

Many of the homeless are at present sleeping in caravans, tents and in cars on countryside roads. They return to the city each morning.

The homes of both rich and poor have been open to them. They find hospitality everywhere. Last night in a country public-house several families slept on the kitchen floor.

LOST ALL BUT LAST KISS

A scrap of paper is dearer than life to twenty-five-year-old Lily Victoria Booth, of Barton-on-Humber, Lines.

On it are a few uncertain crosses —Gunner Harold Booth's last kisses to his bride of a fortnight, scribbled as he lay dying in a London hospital.

A month ago Gunner Booth strode to his sweetheart's home in High Street to claim her as his bride after six years of waiting. In his pocket was a permit for a week's leave—his last before going overseas.

Soon they were married. For four days they tasted happiness, planned the little home they would set up after the war. Then Gunner Booth rejoined his unit.

A week passed, then, a few hours after she had received the photographs of the wedding, the young bride got a message to say that her husband had been in a London air raid.

Later came another message. It was from a London chaplain who had sat by the dying man. And with his letter of sympathy was Harold's last message to his wife — a few feebly scribbled kisse.s

"They had known each other about six years," Lily's sister told a reporter. "The doctor has ordered Lily to bed. We don't dare to show her the wedding photographs."

R.A.F. DON'T SHOOT 'EM DOWN!

R.A.F. Fighter pilots don't shoot down Germany's latest oneman bombers — they "disintegrate" them.

When their losses became too heavy, the Luftwaffe had to give up using great formations of Heinkels, Dorniers and Junkers.

But these 'planes can do little damage, says the Air Ministry News Service, and the Fighter Command have been bagging them steadily.

When the R.A.F. bring eight Browning guns within range of the enemy, "disintegration" is the word most commonly used to describe the result.

Here are comments by some pilots who have each brought down a Messerschmidt 109.

"I gave it a seven-second burst. No other action was necessary, as it disintegrated and fell in hundreds of pieces."

"The Messerschmidt disintegrated. The petrol tank was alight, and pieces were falling off."

"When at point-blank range, I let him have all my ammunition, everything poured out and bits flow off.

"Bits fell out and bits flew off."

"Pieces were flying off in all directions;" "the left wing fell off," and "a large piece broke from the Messerschmidt," were three other phrases used by fighter pilots who helped to "break up" the new Nazi fighter-bombers.

THIS DANCE SHOULD GO WITH A BIG BANG

(By A Special Correspondent)

STRANGE WORDS of command are heard amid the strains of dance music at the Victoria Ballroom, Nottingham, these nights. "Plot your course . . . bank . . . release your bomb," a voice booms through the microphone.

No, it is not some new method for training R.A.F. recruits. It is Barry Lycett, well-known dancer, teaching the young people the "Bomber Parade," his new "reprisal" dance.

The dance, which promises to sweep the country, is also helping to raise money to buy bombers for Britain.

The dancers extend their arms to imitate the wings of a 'plane; they "bank" as they set off on their mission, and then circling, they plot their course. As they "bomb target" the partners slap their knees.

Next they clap their hands. This represents their delight that the bomb is on its way to its target. As the bomb drops, the dancers point down, stop an ear with a finger, and whistle.

Goering, who says the people of Britain are skulking in their shelters, would wince if he could see the dancers merrily "zooming" around the room.

One For Rome!

"Whoooh, that's one for Krupps," cries a laughing girl as she whistles and puts her finger in her ear.

"And that's one for Rome," yells a young R.A.F. man home on leave.

Barry Lycett and Lelia Bohser, who composed the dance, believe it is a second Lambeth Walk.

"It bucks the people up," said Barry. "And besides, it is helping a good cause—the purchase of bombers for Britain.

"The dance could be staged at ball-rooms to attract the young people, and part of the takings devoted to the bomber fund."

Japanese Accusing Admiral Decoux

Allegations regarding "warlike preparations" on the part of the French in Indo-China are made in a semi-official Japanese report from Hanoi citing an order which Admiral Decoux is alleged to have given to all prefects in the province of Tonkin.

The order is said to be to "prepare against all possible emergencies in view of approaching danger, to order all able-bodied youths to stand by for possible mobilisation in civil defence and to report on stocks of foodstuffs and agricultural products on hand."—Reuter.

MORMONS' FOOD PLAN

A giant wheat elevator, now being rapidly completed at Salt Lake City, the Mormon capital, is one of the preparations being made by the Mormon Church to save the "Latter Day Saints" from starvation if and when — as some Mormons expected—"Hitler has laid waste the earth."

The elevator, with a capacity of 318,000 bushels, is part of an extensive welfare plan which, for the time being, merely envisages help for 50,000 needy among the 800,000 Mormons living in the United States, but which can "eventually be extended."

How They Pay

The Church also operates five flour mills, a large coal mine, numerous farms canneries and a giant storehouse. In other cities the Church owns stores, chiefly used as outlets for the salvage and distribution of discarded merchandise.

Wehn they are physically able, all recipients of assistance from the Church are required to pay for it by non-salaried labour in church-owned clothing factories, canneries, and warehouses.

The welfare plan is supported chiefly by voluntary contributions in money, in work, or in agricultural products, but about 15 per cent. of the financing comes from commercial church-owned enterprises.

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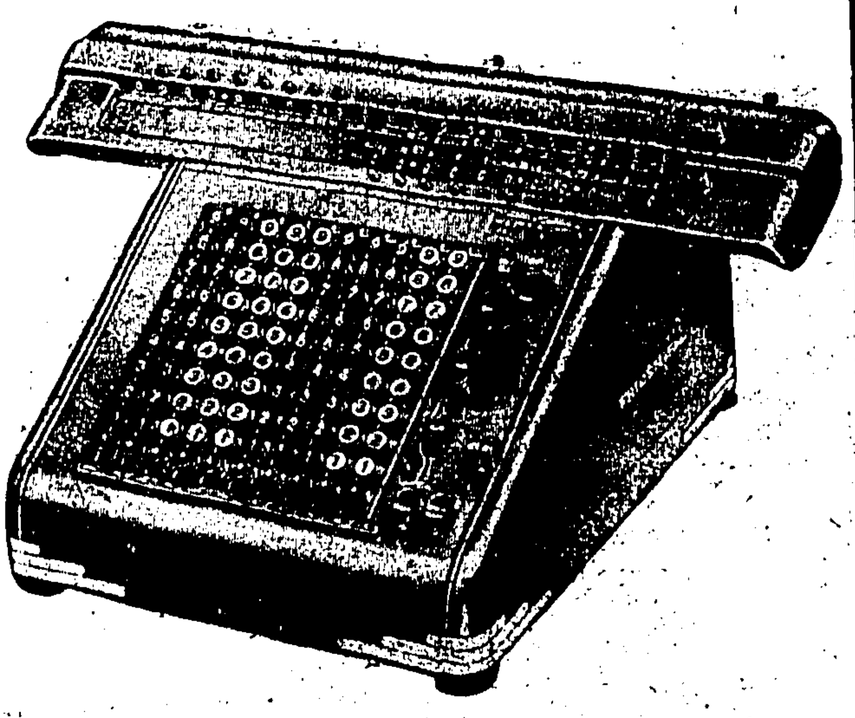

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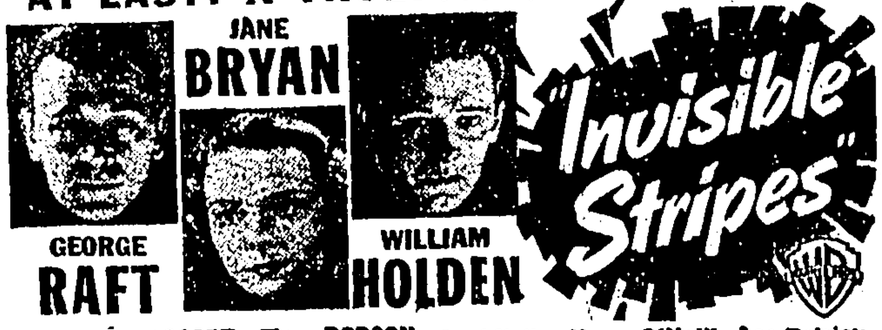

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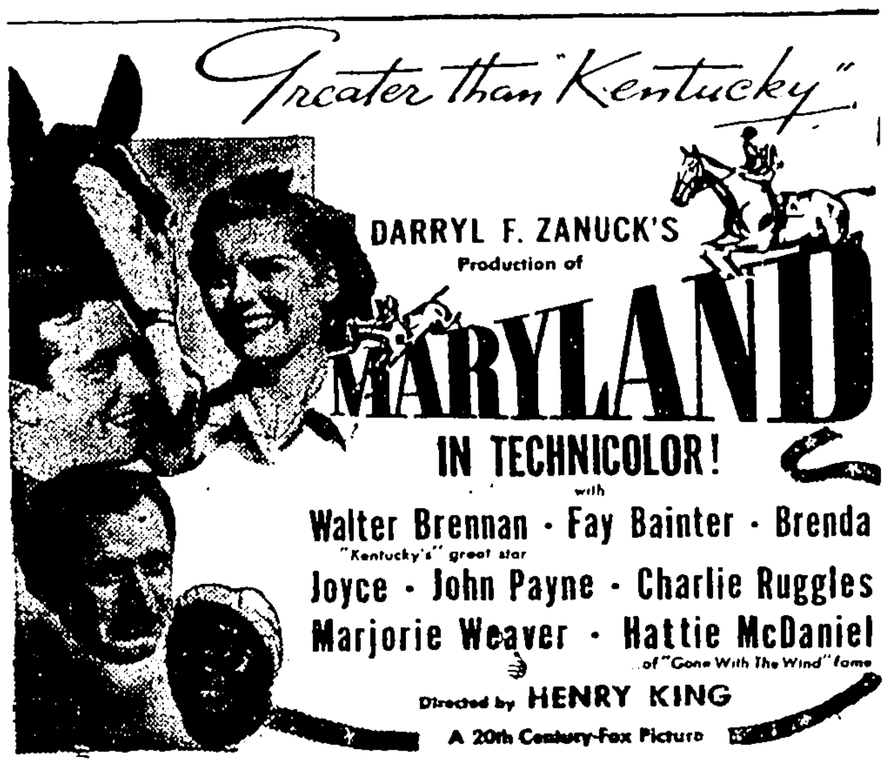

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BRITAIN'S NEW AIR POWER QUEST: PLENTY OF RESERVES

BRITAIN'S GROWING air strength was stressed by Lord Beaverbrook, Minister of Aircraft Production, broadcasting to Canada from London yesterday.

Lord Beaverbrook stated: "The strength of our reserves no longer occupies our attention. We give our thoughts rather to new types, to longer flights, to more striking power, to greater altitude and to swifter pursuit."

After appealing to Canadians to assist in keeping open the north-western approaches to Britain, Lord Beaverbrook said the price of invasion might be heavy and it was not expected that payment in full for such an adventure would be made on this side of the Channel.

No matter what happened never need Anglo-Saxons hang their heads in shame when they were told the story of Britain's battle for freedom.

Canadians would say for countless generations that they were descended from English stock that fought so vallantly.

It was a glory to be allowed to march in the great crusade for freedom under the leadership of Mr. Churchill.—Reuter.

PRIMATE URGES NO REPRISALS

The Archbishop of Canterbury declared recently that reprisals for the bombing of British civilians would drag down the level of our cause and "irretrievably stain" the honour of the Government.

Presiding at the Canterbury diocesan conference, he said that indignation aroused by the callous bombing of civilians was already demanding reprisals.

It was doubtless a very natural instinct. It could be defended by many plausible arguments.

But, in truth, it would drag down the level of our cause. It was one thing to accept, as we must, that in the legitimate pursuit of military objectives some civilians were bound to suffer.

Bombed From Palace

The Archbishop said that recently some 200 of the poorest folk of Lambeth had taken shelter in the old crypt below the chapel at Lambeth Palace.

"I only wish," he said, "that Hitler and Goering could see in the astonishing patience, good humour and even cheerfulness of these people the futility of their aims."

His own sympathy with the thousands who had lost their homes was the more real because he had been bombed out of his own home at Lambeth, although the historic parts of it had so far been spared.

THAI MISSION TO MOSCOW

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A message from Bangkok states that the Thai Minister for Economic Affairs has arrived in Moscow in order to establish normal diplomatic and trade relations with Soviet Russia.—International News Service.

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PILOT LANDS IN BLAZING 'PLANE

Crash on London Suburb Avoided

Londoners who saw a Hurricane side-slipping over their heads did not know that the pilot was battling to save their lives.

The Hurricane, dropping down over an outer London suburb, was gliding quite normally, then side-slipped violently. As it appeared to fall out of control, it righted itself only to side-slip again a few seconds later.

When the aircraft came lower, smoke was seen to be pouring from the engine. Watchers followed its erratic flight until it disappeared towards the north.

In the Hurricane a pilot officer, who could have saved himself much earlier by jumping, was striving both to keep the fire from blazing up and to prevent his machine from crashing on to houses. A few minutes earlier the Hurricane had been hit by an explosive shell from a Messerschmidt 109.

Flames Controlled

Gliding away from the enemy, the pilot undid his straps and prepared to bale out. Then he saw that he was over a thickly populated district. Sooner than take the risk of his pilotless machine crashing into houses, he decided to try to land in open country. By this time oil was spraying in a thick sheet from the engine. If he could keep the flames away from the fuselage he knew he would have a good chance of getting down safely.

Then he had an idea. He switched off his engine and by a series of violent side-slips got the flames under control. As his wing dropped with each manoeuvre he was able to keep the fire from spreading to the Hurricane's vital parts. Eventually, after some anxious moments, he landed safely, with wheels up, in an empty field.

All the way down the pilot officer was followed by a squadron leader of a Spitfire squadron, circling him and keeping off enemy machines. He probably saved his life, as three Me. 109s were hovering in the background ready to pounce if the damaged Hurricane was left unprotected.

The pilot officer's Hurricane was badly knocked about, but by no means beyond repair. It was more than a fair exchange for a Me. 109 which he had sent crashing to earth in flames before he himself was hit, and a Dornier 215, which he damaged but could not follow down.

RUSSIA DENIES ANY PARTY IN PACT

The official Tass Agency in Moscow is authorised to deny that Russia had anything to do with the signing of the Turco-Bulgarian pact, as reported by a Swiss newspaper, says a Reuter cable from Moscow this morning.

CHESS ACROSS ATLANTIC

Two doctors, one in Nottingham and the other in the U.S.A., have been playing a game of chess by post for four years.

From the start Dr. H. E. Weber, a Professor of Philosophy at one of the American universities, has been in difficulties against Dr. W. B. Blandy, of Nottingham.

Dr. Blandy can now mate in two moves, but the American refuses to resign.

"Three weeks per move was about the average in peace time," Dr. Blandy said. "But since the outbreak of war it has been more like six or seven weeks.

"Latterly all our letters have been censored, and on one ocasion Dr. Weber wondered if a move 'B—KR3' would be passed. He thought the censor might possibly road into it, 'Bomb on King's Road.'"

Dr. Blandy has just made his forty-fifth move and his opponent is in check.

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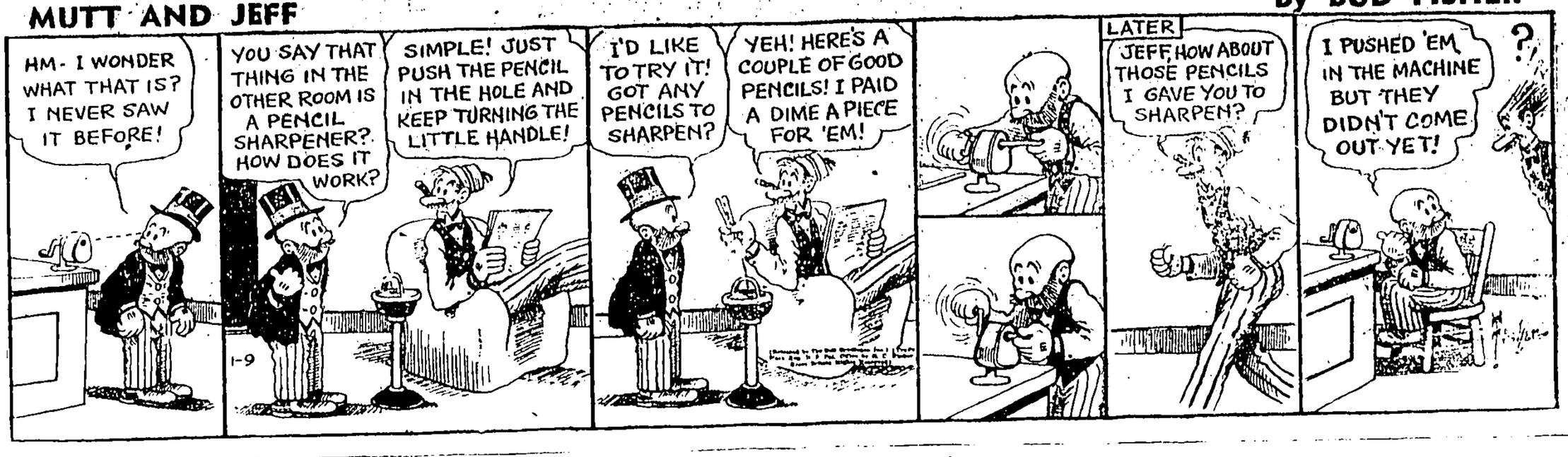

GERMAN PROFITEERS GROWING

THE SCHWARZE KORPS, THE ORGAN OF THE NAZI PARTY, COMPLAINS BITTERLY THAT "IN SPITE OF ALL THE EFFORTS OF THE PARTY TO UNITE ALL GERMANS IN ONE FAMILY, ALL THE NEWSPAPERS REVEAL DAILY INCREASING CONVICTIONS AGAINST PROFITEERS AND SHOPKEEPERS."

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THE SHEPHERD TELLS OF VISION IN SKY

(By A Special Correspondent)

OLD FRED FOWLER, sixty-six, lifted his weather-beaten face skywards and pointed west way above the highest peak of the Sussex downs.

"It be there when I see it," he said. "There in the clear blue sky. A vision they calls it — it was the like of something which I never see before."

Then he said reverently, "It be Christ I see."

Fred, who is a shepherd, lives in the village of Firle, near Lewes, Sussex.

Fred told me the strange story himself I joined him in his shelter of bracken on the down. The biting wind blew round us. His two dogs, Bob and Watch, guarded his 250 sheep.

"I never be one to see things," said Fred. "I am alone too much for that. I just have me two dogs, me sheep and me missus way back at the cottage, and I goes to church on a Sunday.

"That's all I sees or knows of life; that's all I really want to see or know.

"I'd just rounded up the flock that morning—it be about eleven. I says to meself it's a nice clear day, and I looks up west at the sky.

"Then I sees it.

"It Be More Real"

"It be like what they tells me the cinema is like, but I thinks it be more real. There came a kind of panel across the sky.

"Inside the panel of white there was a cross, with Christ, his head to one side, nailed on to it.

"Round him were six angels. I counted 'em, and they wore white cloudy robes to the feet. I know it was to the feet because I even saw their feet. I even saw their toes.

"When I got to the village I knew what I had seen was really there. There were other people who had seen it, too.

"But mine's a simple life—I've just got my two dogs, my sheep and my missus and I go to church of a Sunday.

"I forgot," he smiled. "There's my pint I always have of a night.

"Sometimes though, if I think of it all now, the vision I mean, I wonders whether it really was Christ come to help put our world straight again."

Old Fred walked away into the distance with his sheep and dogs. He has never been to the cinema or even out of Sussex.

I watched him pass into the distance and I almost envied Fred.

Back in the village I confirmed his story.

There were two sisters, widows, evacuated from London, Mrs. Grace Evans and Mrs. E. M. Steer, who had seen the vision, and also a neighbour, Mrs. Stevens.

"Actually, we must have seen it a second or so before the shepherd did," Mrs. Evans told me. "Because when I first looked into the sky it was clear blue. Gradually I saw the panel of kind of white cloud appear.

"I called my sister because it looked so pretty, then all at once we saw the crucifix and Christ. I saw every detail, to the nails in his crossed feet, and angels rose around him.

Held A Harp

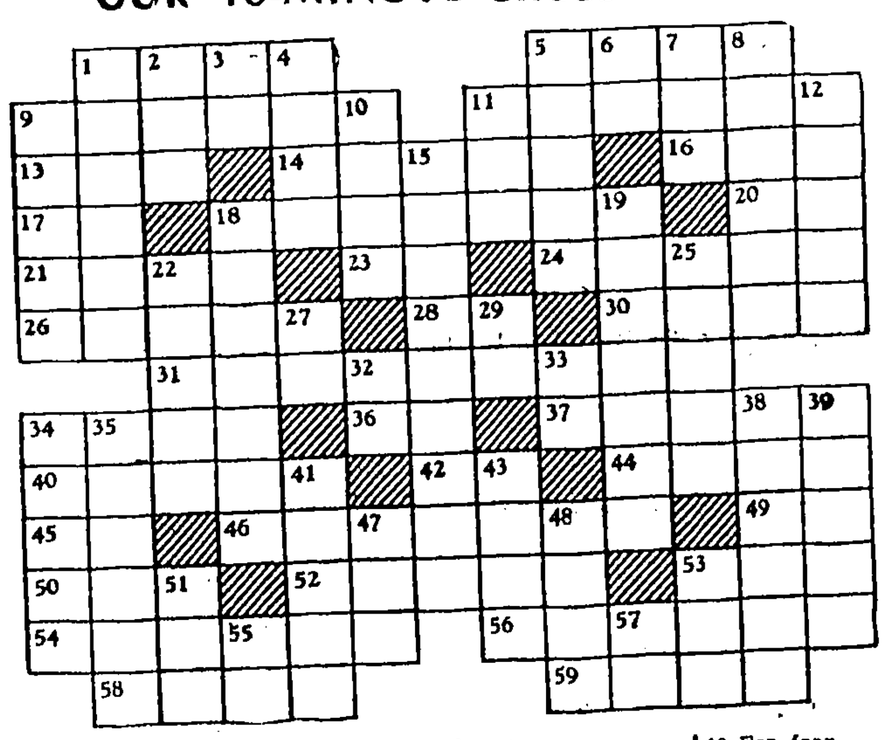
"One held a harp, another an old-fashioned pitcher with two handles. It was as clear as a picture, and then, when I had got over my surprise, I called my neighbour to see the wonderful sight.

"Yes," said Mrs. Steer, "it was so real it almost frightened me. I am not one to imagine things, and I used to smile at the story about the Angels of Mons—I always thought the soldiers who saw them imagined things, but now I can believe it."

I called to see the vicar, the Rev. A. G. Gregor.

"I saw nothing," he said, "and I think the whole thing is nonsense."

OUR 10-MINUTE CROSS-WORD



HORIZONTAL
1 To box
5 To heal
9 Moorish drum
11 Pertaining to a European mountain range
13 To attempt
14 Law: intervening
16 Girl's name
17 Note of scale
18 Large canine
20 Exists
21 Japanese aborigine
23 Symbol for tantalum
24 To sample
26 Shop
28 To depart
30 To require
31 Impending evil
34 Blind cetacean
36 Sun-god
37 Sea-duck
40 States
42 Symbol for sodium
44 Serf
45 Symbol for copper
49 Ghost
49 Earth goddess
50 Wing
52 Lustrous textile fibre
53 Hebrew letter
54 Arc
56 Thick broth (var.)
58 Torn
59 Was clothed in

VERTICAL
1 Narrow passage
2 To settle
3 Hebrew month
4 Hindu religious hero
5 Fissure
6 Above
7 Inlet
8 Appendage of a branchiopod
9 Book of maps
10 For fear that
11 Tropical bird
12 Made comfortable
15 Sluggishness
18 Speaks in an undertone
19 Amateur
22 Din
25 Sows
27 Printer's measure
29 Periodic windstorm
32 Symbol for iridium
33 Compass point
34 Father of Ahfan
35 Pertaining to a portion of the soft palate
38 To join
39 Old English bailiff
41 Herring-like fish
43 On top of
47 To bring forth
48 Poetic: enough
51 Fruit drink
53 Sailor
55 Preposition
57 Toward

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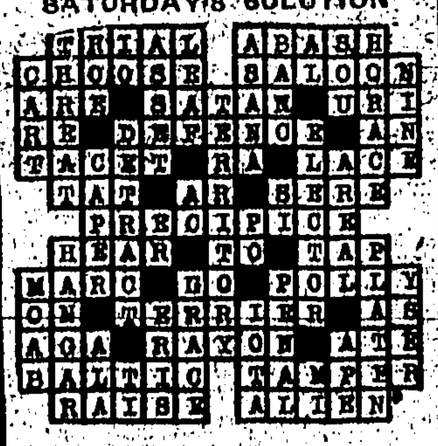

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VIVID STORY OF ARK ROYAL IN ACTION

(From A Special Correspondent)

WE ARE STEAMING BACK TO HARBOUR AFTER HAVING DWELT ANOTHER HEAVY BLOW TO THE ITALIAN FLEET WHICH HAS ROUNDED OFF A BLACK MONTH FOR MUSSOLINI.

One fighter aircraft missing and two shell hits on the cruiser Berwick are our sole casualties in return for one Italian battleship and one cruiser torpedoed, a second enemy cruiser set on fire by shelling, a third cruiser probably damaged in her engine-room by our dive-bombing, two destroyers left in a sinking condition, and two Italian aeroplanes shot down.

Some of the ships which fought beside us heard the results of the battle no sooner than the people in England. They only knew what happened in their own section of the fight. But we in the Ark Royal, with our aircraft as our eyes, followed the course of the battle minute by minute from its start soon after breakfast on Wednesday, when one of our fighters met and shot down in flames an Italian "spotter" aircraft which was shadowing us while another of our reconnaissance aeroplanes warned us that strong units of the enemy Fleet, apparently unaware of our presence, were steaming off South Sardinia.

Five Miles From Coast

The battle was only broken off at dusk, by which time the leaders of the Italian Fleet were being torpedoed and attacked by our pilots within five miles of their own coastline as they raced at full speed to their harbour, leaving those ships which we had damaged to fend for themselves with the darkness as their sole protection.

All day long our observers, some of them veterans of the Norwegian campaign, the Graf Spee hunt, and other offensive actions, were sending back reports to Admiral Somerville, Flag Officer in the Renown, which had a vital bearing on the rapidly changing course of the battle.

When it was all over Admiral Somerville sent them his thanks:—

"I have now had an opportunity to study your reports (he said), and I wish to congratulate you and your ship's company on the magnificent and resolute way in which you carried out your reconnaissance duties. As for the bombing, it was an inspiring sight to see the Ark Royal emerge from a complete curtain of water with every gun blazing efficiently. I am proud of you."

The aeroplane which first sighted the Italian Fleet reported that we were out-numbered. But battle ensigns were hoisted to our masts, and with every man at action stations we steamed into the fight. The Italians had no time to turn for home before battle was joined. The Renown and supporting ships took on their two battleships and a screen of many enemy cruisers and destroyers.

Explosion On Cruiser

Our aircraft, dodging in the clouds above the enemy fleet, saw a huge shell burst around one cruiser, followed by an internal explosion. A destroyer of the Gregale class was down by the stern and listing to port; she was seen to have stopped 10 miles away, and a second destroyer, also listing and leaking oil, was reported to have stopped 60 miles away.

Meanwhile a strong striking force from the Ark Royal had taken off, armed with torpedoes. The target was the battleships now leading the Italian fleet in full flight towards Sardinia. They saw the battleships with a screen of destroyers and with three cruisers also screened with destroyers in the rear. The only method of driving home the attack was to fly over the decks of the destroyers and to drop torpedoes within the circle of the shielded battleships. They sped down from the sun. At the rear, the enemy cruisers, still firing against our distant Fleet, sighted our aeroplanes before the battleships did and gave warning by directing their A.A. fire against them, although beyond effective range. Then the battleships and destroyers opened fire with every short-range gun they possessed.

Every one of our aircraft pierced the barrage, skimming over the surface of the water to release their torpedoes. Then they swung away, spraying the bridge and decks of the ships with machine-gun fire.

Fights In The Air

Italian bombers first raided us after lunch. Two of our fighters tackled the nine escorting fighters and fought them until their ammunition was exhausted. One British officer alone attacked 10 Savoia bombers.

A second torpedoing force, now heading for home, sent the message: "We attacked three cruisers 10 miles astern of the battleships and are sure that one was hit." A torpedo hit one of the cruisers and exploded amidships. This was followed by a gust of black smoke from the cruiser, which turned completely round.

Soon our Skuas returned, having encountered an enemy aeroplane on their way home and shot it down in flames.

TROOP S WERE USING NAIL VARNISH

Girls of a London suburb were alarmed when chemists reported a heavy run on their favourite brands of colourless nail varnish.

Soldiers billeted in the district were buying up supplies. They returned with dozen of their pals to buy more.

"What do you boys do with it?" asked one chemist.

"Well, you see," was the reply, "if we clean our badges, buttons and other brass bits they only stay clean for a day. But if we clean them and then put on colourless nail varnish they stay clean for a fortnight!"

NEVER JOINED REGIMENT

When Peter Paul Masterson, twenty-one, of Headstone-gardens, North Harrow, Middlesex, was charged at Hendon with being an absentee from a regiment, it was stated that he had failed to report for military service.

A police constable said that when Masterson was asked why he did not report, he said: "I do not intend to go into the Army I want to go into the R.A.F."

He was remanded on bail.

12 HURT IN BUS CRASH

Twelve people were taken to hospital at Brighton after three motor-buses had been in collision. Two of them collided head-on.

SEWED £1,600 IN THEIR CLOTHES--GAOLED

MADAME JEANNE KAUFFMAN and her niece, Mademoiselle Rachel Paulette Kauffman, sewed money, bonds and securities into their fur coats, into their scarves, into their corsets — and tucked more into their hair when they tried to board a ship bound for America.

But they were caught, and after a hearing at Manchester Assizes during which the younger woman pretended to be hysterical ("trying to impose on me," said Mr. Justice Stable), they were sentenced to nine months in jail, in the second division.

This is the story of Madame Kauffman and Mademoiselle Kauffman.

Madame—is the sixty-eight-year-old ex-wife of a man connected with a famous French banking firm.

They were divorced thirty years ago, and she had a comfortable home in Paris—until last June.

She gave French lessons to English visitors, and when the Germans were entering Paris she fled to the coast, boarded a ship at St. Jean de Luz, with many other refugees.

Mademoiselle—is twenty-nine years old, and she used to give music lessons in her aunt's Paris home.

When she tried to appear hysterical in the dock the judge called a prison doctor, who said, "She is excitable, but she can behave if she pleases."

Both women—decided to go to America through Liverpool, and they told the police they could not afford to pay for lodging.

They applied for assistance to public assistance officials—and then they stayed at an hotel.

Into their clothes they had sewn what Mr. A. Wool, prosecuting, called "a positive arsenal of hidden treasure."

Altogether they hid £1,462 worth of securities and foreign money valued at £227.

And then they told officials at Liverpool landing stage, "Oh, no, we have no money or securities."

The officials made a search.

Out of the lining of coats came guilders and francs. From their corsets came gold dollars, bonds and securities; money was pulled from their scarves, and more tricked from their hair when women officials examined it.

The judge—heard Mr. R. Baker, defending, urge that the women had sewn the coins in their clothes before they left France, but he said it was quite idle to say it was not a deliberate attempt to get money out of the country.

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THE TIME FOR WINNING

Hitler's spoken threats by this time cannot add greatly to the world's fears, but his promises to the German people are so concentrated upon 1941 that he faces himself the major challenge of Now or Never.

Hitler has set his own goal, and the time is near when he must deliver. This fast-approaching crisis is not only a deadly stress, one of the most appalling that men and women have been called to bear in all history, but it brings with it a flaming hope. If Britain holds him off, Hitler will have suffered disaster on the most bitter and undeniable scale.

Although Berlin was aflutter last summer with gay speculations whether England would fall in July or August, Hitler himself was too cagey to commit himself to a timetable. In June, right after Dunkirk, he merely promised "destruction," without dates, of the enemy in London and Paris.

On September 4 he reassured his people: "When the British say: 'He doesn't come,' my answer is: 'Keep your shirts on — he is coming.'"

His New Year's greetings to the army promised: "The year 1941 will bring consummation of the greatest victory in our history."

His anniversary speech this month predicted: "The year 1941 will be a historic year for the new European Order." He spoke of "definite bases," and "when the time comes we will launch a decisive blow. These gentlemen will realise in this historic year that we used time well." He saw 1941 as the year in which his armies "will wrest victory."

Seizure of England and ending of the war are Hitler's pledges under the contract, to be delivered this year. His victory cannot be deferred. Not to occupy and destroy the power of England, even to the eyes of the propaganda-saturated Nazi zealots, would be a failure beside which Italy's debacle would look almost like winning.

And so Hitler must throw into this boasted effort all the strength he has. His 'planes must blacken the sky, all of them. Millions of his soldiers must push into the moat of the channel, spending lives without count in order to buy success. Hitler must win, and if the assault fails, he has been defeated. No excuses! Time, after that, runs swiftly against him, and the spirit of his followers may drop to 1918 levels.

It is a desperate chance on which the world's freedom depends — this decision whether Britain now can defend her island against the gamble of 1941's Genghis Khan, who must sweep onward or perish.

It is inescapable. And it is not hopeless. The hope of the world is backed by a courage which has accomplished miracles already. Grant survival to Britain in the months just ahead, and the long lane of Hitler's conquest has reached its turning.

A Trip To Kabul

By W. Rees Harriss, M. I. J. Lond

The few travellers that from time to time make their way into Afghanistan, generally go by way of the Khyber Pass, and it was by this famous Pass that I went up to Kabul to join the staff there of the first British Embassy to Afghanistan.

Detraining at Peshawar, the railhead of the North Western Indian Railway, and the most northerly British military cantonment station in the North-West Frontier Province of India, I proceeded by motor car onwards at two o'clock in the afternoon.

For Jamrud, which guards the Indian side of the Khyber Pass, ten miles distant from Peshawar, was soon reached, and entering the Pass, followed a narrow, zigzag track, running between bleak rocks and overhanging crags.

On all sides there were signs of the ceaseless watch kept in this key to India, both to protect the Pass, and to prevent the fierce Pathan tribes that dwell in the adjoining mountains, from sweeping down on a marauding expedition into the fertile plains below.

There was but little movement, though each ridge was dotted with picquets of soldiers, and on all commanding positions could be seen forts and blockhouses cutting into the skyline.

Guardians Of Khyber Pass

Overhead, along the line of the track, ran the tireless aerial ropeway, used for transporting material for the Khyber Railway, and also to convoy food and stores to the troops watching in the farther outposts.

The present guardians of the Khyber Pass, called Khassadars, consist of an irregular force of Afridis, raised on the tribal system, the maliks (chiefs) of each tribe furnishing reliable quotas of men for this purpose.

Before the British occupation of the Khyber, the several tribes that occupied this region levied tolls on all passengers and caravans passing through their respective sections, on an average each five miles of the Pass representing a kind of independent kingdom, with fiscal autonomy.

Pass Now Quite Safe

Finally, these tribes were given an annual subsidy equal to the amount of their yearly revenue from the tolls. At present the body of Khassadars enrolled to protect the pass, are collectively responsible for the safety of the Pass itself, and fifty yards on each side of it. The frequent blood-feuds between the various hill tribes, are not allowed to be fought out in this area. Violence and sniping have now become extremely rare, and the Khyber may at the present time be traversed with greater security than some of the London or Paris thoroughfares — by day, for the man who would venture in the Khyber Pass at night, would court almost certain death. After nightfall, even the Afridis themselves, when belated, avoid the Pass, and reach their villages by devious side paths.

Proceeding on the journey, Fort Ali Masjid was reached at 4.50 p.m. Isolated, on a small ridge above the fort, overlooked by grim and rugged mountains, was a small British cemetery where a few young officers and men, who were killed in action against the Afridis in 1919, are buried.

Panorama Of Wild Scenery

The route from Ali Masjid lay through a narrow gorge, hemmed in on all sides by overhanging rocks. The road was one tortuous, winding course, changing its direction with kaleidoscopic rapidity, and presenting an endless panorama of wild scenery, whose ruggedness and grimness filled one with a feeling of awe. Profound stillness reigned, only broken by the movement of the automobile, which rushed over the narrow, ledge-like road, now taking a sharp turn to the right, then an abrupt turn to the left, now ascending, then descending, while the track left in the rear seemed to resemble narrow streaks, one above the other, on the rocky slopes.

Landi Kotal, ten miles from Ali Majid, was reached at 6 p.m. This is a fort situated in the middle of the Pass in a large circular plain, shut in on all sides by lofty hills, at present garrisoned by English and Gurka troops.

London Street In Wilderness

As I motored into the precincts of the fortress, where I was to spend the night, a team of British soldiers was seen playing football on the plain. The soldiers in this far-flung outpost seemed to know how to make themselves at home. Another evidence of this was forthcoming when a little later on in the evening I took a stroll along the military lines. Looking at a sign post, I observed that I was in "Bond Street." Somewhat further on were "Whitehall," the "Embankment," and to crown all "L'avenue de la Grande Armee," which was given to one of the Gurka lines.

The journey was continued next morning to the frontier over the Nichni Kandao summit, and then down a descent of some 3,000 feet, a precipitous drop down the side of a steep mountain slope, into valleys which alternately broadened and contracted, and so to Landi Khana, the last British outpost, and the Afghan boundary at Torkham, which was reached at noon. A line of white stones separated British and Afghan territory, and a few yards in front of where my motor car came to a dead standstill, as Afghan sentries barred further progress, was a large signboard on which was written in bold characters in English:—"It is absolutely forbidden to cross the border into Afghan territory."

After inspection of passports, the journey was resumed.

I was now in the Independent Kingdom of Afghanistan. There was no sudden change in the landscape. To the right the Mohmand Hills stood out sharp and majestic, with their snow-clad peaks glistening in the midday sun, while to the left was the Safed Koh (White Mountains), overtowering all the hills in the foreground, and forming as far as the eye could see one long, unbroken line of white, save for a patch here and there where the snow had melted and laid bare the mountain side.

Seven miles from Torkham is Dacca, a small village in a wide valley, surrounded by a mud wall, from which the children scampered forth and shouted their salaams as the car sped past. What was particularly noticeable were the features of the young girls, which strikingly resembled the biblical types of the old Israelites, lending colour to the claim of the Afghans to be one of the ten lost tribes of Israel.

Terrific Heat

The caravan stations of Basawal, ten miles from Dacca, and of Balticot, ten miles further on, were successively passed, and Jellaabad, ten miles from the last stage, was reached at 4 p.m. where a halt was to be made for the night at the Bagh-i-Shahi (Garden of the King).

The last stage was over a comparatively wide valley, dominated by the Safed Koh on the left, and the Laghman Ridge on the right. Heavy stretches of sand here and there considerably impeded progress. It is said that in July, under the influence of the terrific heat which prevails, this sand in places becomes so hot that it is possible to cook an egg in it.

Jelalabad, famous for the defence by Sir George Sale in 1839, is situated on the Kabul river, almost midway between the Peshawar valley and Kabul. It has a permanent population of 3,000 souls, which is largely increased in the winter by an influx of tribesmen from the surrounding hills, who come down to enjoy the milder climate.

Beautiful Gardens Passed

Begh-i-Shahi was entered through a beautiful avenue of cypress trees, which led into a spacious garden, in the centre of which were the palace buildings and guest-houses.

These grounds, enclosed by a mud wall about twelve feet high, were beautifully laid out with flowers arranged in ornamental beds, and plots of fruit trees, interspersed with paths tastefully adorned with palms and ferns. Orange trees were conspicuous, and many had fruit ripening on them. There are said to be five hundred trees in the grounds, which were planted in a single day, ten each by fifty of the courtiers of the then Amir, at his order. Marble channels irrigated the grounds, drawing their water from several artificial tanks, in which fountains played.

Fiercert Tribe In Afghanistan

Resuming the journey next morning at 10 o'clock, we proceeded through a narrow valley, over a metalled road, past the walled villages of Bowali, Sultanpore and Fatehabad, each situated ten miles from one another, to Nimlah, where there is a rest-house of the Amir. A short halt was made here. It was quite an idyllic spot. The rest-house was situated in the midst of a charming old garden of the Moghul type, said to have been planted in 1610 by Shah Jehan, father of Aurangzeb, the last Moghul emperor of India, and contains some fine specimens of the chenar tree, several of which are over a hundred years old.

Nimlah is situated in the Khuggani's country, whose inhabitants are reputed to be the wildest and fiercest in the Amir's dominions. When the journey was resumed at 12.30 p.m., I was curious to get a glimpse of the people, but beyond a few children who gambolled and shouted salaams, and a few women who took a coy look at the motor from beneath their burkhas, no one was to be seen. The men folk seemed to be all absent.

The road soon became very much obstructed by camel caravans, which seemed to form continuous streams moving in opposite directions, and the car had continually to slow up, as the camels reared and jumped about in evident distress.

Nearing Jagdallak, the next stop, the road narrowed perceptibly, and steadily ascended a winding track. Range upon range of hills rose up before us, bounded by the Safed Koh on the left, and the majestic Hindu Kush in the right. The temperature fell considerably, and a keen wind sprang up, which penetrated the fur coat I wore.

Round and round the mountain paths the car zigzagged, and at moments it seemed as if we must be shot over the precipice into the gorge below. Thick ice was lying on some of the slopes, while a blinding dust, driven by the wind, considerably impeded progress, as it was difficult to see many steps in advance either man or beast. We frequently ran into the tail end of a caravan before either was aware of the presence of the other. When there would be a shouting and a scampering, the camels in their fright dashing now to one side of the narrow path, seemed for a moment to hang perilously over the ledge, and then in terror scampered to the other side, where their drivers would try to hold their heads towards the mountain slope as we motored by, in imminent risk of the camels backing and pushing us over the precipice.

World's Weirdest Place

Jagdallak, fifty miles from Jelalabad, was reached at 6 o'clock in the evening. Of all weird places in the world, it is difficult to imagine one more weird than this. A single, solitary hill rose up from a narrow valley, on one side if which was the bed of a river, almost dry, except for a few rills coursing erratically over the plain, which uniting a little farther on, disappeared into a narrow gorge. All round this plain rose up bleak and grim hills, devoid of all vegetation, some of them of the most grotesque shapes, cutting off all view of the country beyond. A place of sinister memory, for it was at Jagdallak that the fierce tribes that inhabit this district fell on the disorganised and demoralised British force that had retreated from Kabul in the winter of 1839, and literally exterminated them, only one man out of twelve thousand escaping to tell the news of the most tragic disaster that ever befell British arms.

Nightfall was already approaching, and the dark-gray clouds looked heavy with snow, as the car zigzagged round the steep ascent and finally reached the summit of the hill, which formed a small, quadrangular plateau, flanked by a low balustrade of stone, in the centre of which was a rest-house of the Amir. Here, at an altitude of 7,000 feet, the night was passed, and notwithstanding the huge log fires that burned on the open hearth of my room, the cold and pitiless winds that prevail at this time of the year made rest impossible.

Captivating Scene

Leaving Jagdallak the next morning at 9.30 a.m. we followed a winding path over the mountains, on all the slopes and summits of which lay deep snow. Immediately in front was the Lataband Range, which dominated the scene, and stood out against the horizon as a huge barrier. As we approached nearer, the Half Kotal Pass opened up. Soon a captivating panorama came into view. All around was one vast expanse of white, from which snowclad summits sprang up, forming an undulating series of white pinnicles, which stretched out row upon row until they merged in the horizon beyond. Higher and higher we ascended; until we seemed to have reached the level of the summits around. We were now on the highest point of the pass, Balutok, 8,250 feet above sea-level. From here the descent commenced, and zigzagging down through the narrow, precipitous paths, from where the snow had been cleared and piled against the mountain side we finally emerged into the Kabul gorge.

Leaving the gorge we entered a wide plain between low-lying hills, and came to Buthak, where there is a small rest-house. After making a brief halt at this place, the journey was continued over a broad plain for about six miles to Baghrami, a shooting-lodge of the Amir, situated on the left bank of the Logar river, five miles from Kabul City, which had been appointed by the Afghan Government as the temporary residence of the British Legation, and which was duly reached at six o'clock in the evening as the setting sun dropped behind the snowy peaks of the mighty Hindu Kush.

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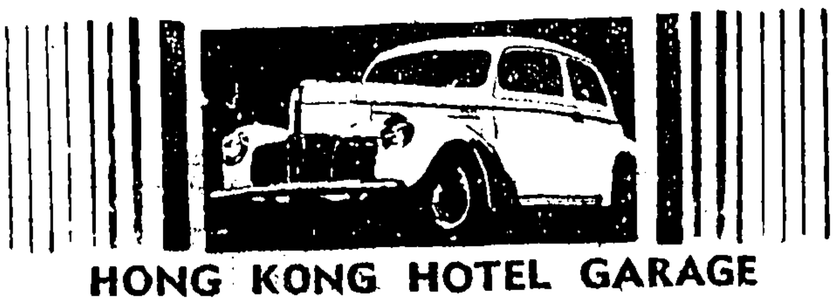

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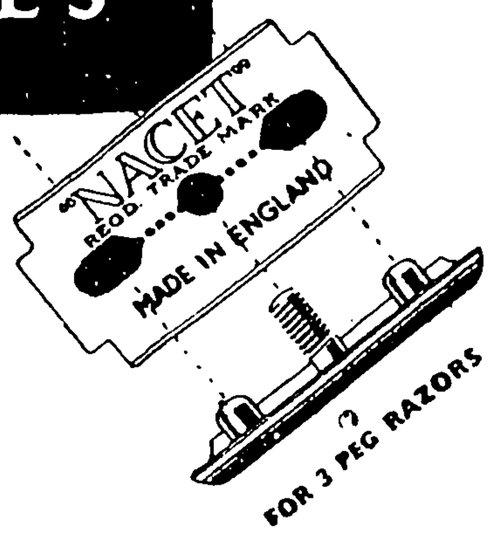

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APB1

DANISH-AMERICAN TELLS

SECRETS OF NAZI INVASION VESSELS

AN ACCOUNT OF Germany's preparations in Denmark for raiding and invading Britain has been given by a Danish-American who has lived for the past year at Aarnus, on the Kattegat.

Several hundred invasion vessels were fitted out at that port alone last summer. Once he saw work proceeding simultaneously on 39 of these craft.

Originally fishing-boats, they were given a new deck over the entire vessel, leaving only a small hatch. Mounted amidships was an armoured revolving anti-aircraft turret gun, the crew being completely enclosed in steel.

There was accommodation for 42 men. The hull, deck and turret were camouflaged. As fast as they were completed the boats sailed for an unknown destination

Shipbuilding in Aarhus suddenly ceased a few weeks ago, presumably following the smashing of the invasion fleet by the R.A.F. It must have caused a change in German plans.

From this informant come further details of the air activity in Denmark. Soon after the occupation the Germans began to construct a big airfield at Karup on the Island of Jutland.

Airport Abandoned

Something must have upset the Nazi plans. After constant use by bombers during the summer and autumn, the airfield has now been deserted, although construction is still not completed.

Numerous aircraft are still flying over the country, but the informant was unable to ascertain their base. The whole of the western coast of Jutland is a protected area, which the Danes cannot enter or leave without special military permits. These are rarely granted.

The Danes have been forced to work for the Nazis, building ships and constructing airfields. There was much sabotage, especially at Karup, where there was one case in which a bomber's wheels were locked during the take-off.

The 'plane nosed over and airscrews were smashed. Tampering with machines became so frequent that the Germans forbade Danish airfield workers to approach aircraft under penalty of death.

Plundering Of Denmark

Directors of a heavy engineering firm near Aarhus at first refused to work for the Germans. They held out against Nazi pressure for a fortnight but were obliged to yield under the threat that the Germans would take over the works.

Even individual workers are entirely at the mercy of the Nazis. Men have been transported in thousands to Germany. If the refuse to go they do not get unemployment relief. According to figures published in Denmark 20,000 have so far been transported.

German plundering of Denmark is systematic. Every week in-calf crows are sent to Germany to relieve the Reich milk and butter shortage.

NO GUNS, SO CAN'T SLEEP

All-clear insomnia is troubling Londoners. Going to bed instead of the shelter on night when there has been little air activity they have found to their surprise that they could not get to sleep.

Bombs and gunfire hardly disturb these people. Yet they lie awake waiting for the Alert.

"The cause is purely psychological," a London doctor told a reporter. "The same thing happens to people who have lived near a railway line and move to a quieter district.

"The mind has got used to the sound of gunfire, and people, over anxious, find themselves lying awake waiting for it to start on quiet nights."

Quiet nights are too making hundreds of other Londoners late for work.

For weeks they have unconsciously relied on the "raiders passed" signal to wake them in the morning.

It was their alarm clock.

On one morning when there was no morning "raiders passed" they overslept.

USE FOR CANALS IN HOLLAND

"Growing passive resistance" to the Nazis in Holland was reported by Dr. Alexander Loudon, Dutch Minister in Washington, in a speech at the annual dinner of the Holland Society of New York.

The audience applauded Dr. Loudon with enthusiasm. He could not give details, he said, lest he tell the enemy too much.

Turning to Mr. Henry Ford, who, in accepting the Society's gold medal for "eminence in scientific manufacturing," had recalled that his mother was Dutch, the Minister remarked.

"We are glad we did not accept your advice to replace our canals with automobile roads. Those canals are useful these dark nights —a little thump on the shoulder, and the Germans are in the water."

SWEDES BAN PAPER

The Gothenburg newspaper Morgonposten was confiscated because of a leading article considered likely to cause a misunderstanding with a foreign country, it was announced in Stockholm.

HEROES NOT FOR PAUPER GRAVES

There will be no paupers' graves for the Civil Defence heroes who give their lives in the blitz.

Grants of £7 10s. have now been authorised to be paid to relatives of auxiliary firemen, auxiliary policemen, wardens and others who are killed, or die from injuries received in air raids.

The Government's latest "human touch" is revealed in a circular authorising local authorities to make the grants.

Heartaches

Numerous protests have reached the Government about the treatment meted to widows of men who have lost their lives.

An officer at an East London section said: "The Government would have made the grants ages ago if they had appreciated the heartaches that have been caused.

"In the big fires in the East End at the beginning of the blitz, some of the men who lost their lives had families who were too poor to give them a decent burial.

"If we hadn't had a 'whip round, those fine fellows would have gone to paupers' graves."

SURGEON'S WIFE SLANDERS MATRON: TO PAY £100

A HOSPITAL MATRON was awarded £100 damages and costs against a surgeon's wife for slander, said to have been made in a scene after the wife had looked through a ward window.

Miss Elsie Butterfield, matron of the Ongar and District Cottage Hospital and a state registered nurse, sued Mrs. Dorothy Hackney, of The Auberies, Blackmore, Essex, at the Essex Assizes at Chelmsford.

Mrs. Hackney did not appear. Mr. Justice Singleton, making the award with liberty to apply for an injunction, said:

"As this slander has been repeated in court it ought to be made clear that there has been no suggestion made before me that the words were true in any sense. There is no ground so far as I can see for the slightest reflection upon Miss Butterfield."

Mr. M. Everett, for Mish Butterfield said that Mrs. Hackney's husband, Dr. C. H. Hackney, was surgeon at the Ongar Cottage Hospital.

Apparently Mrs. Hackney was not on particularly good terms with him.

On a night in June, 1939, Dr. Hackney, who had been working extremely hard and was tired, told Miss Butterfield he wanted to rest.

She took him to an empty ward, covered him with a blanket and then went out.

Mrs. Hackney and another woman, had been looking through a window of the ward.

Mrs. Hackney become hysterical.

Miss Butterfield said Mrs. Hackney declared:

"I do not know about my husband being a surgeon. I think he is a Bluebeard. I think he has got his twelve wives.

She also made allegations against her which were quite unfounded.

GREEK SOLDIERS THRIVE ON HARDSHIPS

(From Leland Stowe, Special Correspondent with The Greek Army).

AFTER TEN DAYS of incessant travel, usually by car, sometimes on horseback and occasionally on foot through a few miles of slithering mud, we have visited every war sector from Corfu and the southern sea coast all the way to the shores of Lake Okhrida, nearly 250 miles to the north.

Edmond Stevens, of the "Christian Science Monitor," and I are the only correspondents who have yet traversed this wild, fantastically mountainous Albanian theatre of war from one end to the other.

We have seen Greek troops under all kinds of conditions, and have seen them constantly in motion, for ever pressing forward. This is why it now seems possible to discuss what kind of force this incredible Greek Army really is.

First of all, the Greek soldiers' appearances are entirely deceptive. They are little fellows, not averaging much more than 5ft 5in in height, and most of them look as if their uniforms are one or two sizes too big for them.

At first glance you would think they were a haphazard lot, and to hear their animated chatter one might suspect them almost incapable of a well organised effort.

Efficient Troops

But you would soon discover these nondescript-looking Greek troops extraordinarily efficient. Beneath the surface of seemingly chaotic gestures they get things done and recognise no obstacles.

Finnish soldiers were much more impressive to look at, but these tough, wiry little Greeks possess the same kind of astonishing fortitude, endurance and the will to win. I never expected to see another army which could be favourably compared man for man in these respects with Finland's warriors, but I found one here in Greece.

I have never seen soldiers who actually thrive on war and its hardships as much as these diminutive, effervescent Greeks do. They are the most cheerful fighting troops you can possibly imagine. Wherever we have gone we have met these muddy, dirty, smiling men.

"Macaronis"

After a night of forced marches over killing mountain roads it is a common thing for Greek soldiers to shout and cheer as you pass them. Plugging slowly along through rain on mule-back Greeks will yell "macaronis," and gesticulate eloquently to indicate what they will do to the Italians when they catch up with them. Their gestures are masterpieces of mimicry, and are always accompanied by diabolical but good-natured grins.

Surely this Greek army to-day is just about the highest-spirited army in the world. Regardless of mud, rain and snow, regardless of hundreds of gorges, precipices and snowcovered peaks which must be conquered day after day they march on.

They are iron-muscled, warm-hearted men, these humble, unassuming sons of Greece, and they win your hearts with both their courage and their spontaneity. You understand why their officers speak of them with quiet pride.

The other day we passed a long column of troop plodding through bitter cold and rain. An officer told us they had started marching at six o'clock the previous night, and had continued amid rain and finally snow until five in the morning. In those 11 hours these men covered 30 miles.

18 SAILORS RAISE £90

First action of the crew of eighteen of a Norwegian tramp which berthed at an English port was to "pass the hat round" among themselves as soon as they had drawn their pay, to help to buy Britain a fighter 'plane. They raised £90.

SKUAS GET BIG WOP 'PLANE

WHILE ON PATROL IN THE MEDITERRANEAN A SECTION OF SKUAS SIGHTED A CANA 506B FLOAT-'PLANE.

These Italian 'planes are armed with three heavy machine-guns of half-inch calibre, and are faster than Skua aircraft, which are designed to operate from aircraft-carriers.

The leading aircraft fired a few short bursts in the hope of a lucky hit which might slow down the Italian 'plane. It was extreme range, and the Skua aimed high to get added elevation.

To the pleasure and surprise of the pilot, he secured hits, and the Italian aircraft slowed down. The attack was pressed home, and the float-'plane dived to sea level and alighted.

Then the Skuas circled the 'plane. They had not long to wait before an Italian waved a white cloth.

SALVAGED GEMS STOLEN

For seven weeks the owner and staff of a London West End jeweller's shop spent several hours a day patiently sifting the wreckage of the shop—hit by a bomb—to salvage some of the stock.

Much of the jewellery, worth thousands of pounds, was beyond recovery or repair. But with what was salvaged Mr. Yeo, head of the firm, opened up in another West End thoroughfare.

When Mr. Yeo, and his staff arrived at their new premises, they found a gaping hole in the "peep window." It had been stripped clean of the jewellery.

Smash-and-grab raiders, under cover of the noise of the barrage, had completed the dirty job Hitler's airmen set out to do.

"Hanging is too good for these rats who take advantage of air raids to rob people who are trying to keep their staff in employment and to carry on," Mr. Yeo told a reporter.

"The Germans will never break the spirit of the West End business man, but these thieves, who prowl around in raids, come near doing it.

"It is going to be difficult for us now—but I suppose we must do the best we can."

BARRED BY MISTAKE

Mr. Herbert Morrison, Home Secretary, admitted with regret in Parliament that by a mistake several railwaymen had been refused membership of the Home Guard by a railway company owing to a secret report of the police.

He said that there is, from the police point of view, no objection to the enrolment of these men.

SHELTER TREMBLED 8 HOURS

I was in a steel shelter in the middle of the London raid.

Two minutes after the warnings had sounded, the battle started, and continued in spasms until just before dawn.

In the twilight I saw a dozen black twin-engined bombers split formation at about 8,000ft. to start the attack.

Motors screaming hideously, one dived several thousands feet and dropped the first bomb. It fell 100 yards away from me. The concussion hit me like a heavy-weight's punch.

I went to ground. From then on hell was let loose above me. Like others in the shelter, I lay flat on the floor, for more than eight hours.

Minute by minute in ghastly spasms, the steel-lined shelter trembled like an earthquake as bombs fell all around.

One, which landed twenty yards away, lifted the shelter bodily about a foot. Above me, I heard the roar of falling wreckage.

I ran up the stairs to make sure that we weren't trapped. Wreckage was piled high, but we were free.

Back in the shelter, men, women, children, white-faced and shaken, were calm. A slip of a girl of about eighteen laughed ironically and said. "A miss is as good as a mile."

AFRAID TO SHELTER

"People in the East End are becoming so frightened of thieves that they refuse to go to air-raid shelters."

Colonel Henriques, chairman at East London Juvenile Court said this when dealing with a case of a fifteen-year-old boy who stole from a gas-meter in an empty house.

"A crime almost as serious if not as serious as looting," he said, "is going round to houses of evacuated people or people who are taking shelter, and stealing."

It Is Increasing

"It is becoming more and more common, and it is an extremely serious charge, because it is just playing dirty in wartime. It causes people to stop in their own homes to protect their property rather than go to a raid shelter."

Colonel Henriques said it happened night after night in Cable Street and The Highway and he added. "They 'do' the whole length of the street."

He asked a police inspector to make inquiries.

IN DANGER of Breakdown

There are many people who are on the verge of a nervous collapse. The stress of modern life is alone a great strain on the nervous system, and when, in addition, there is some extra worry, shock, or an illness, it is not surprising that the nerves give way. As the nervous system governs the whole body, it follows that nervous disturbances cause acute distress. Among the symptoms usually experienced by sufferers are insomnia, failure of memory, irritability, headaches, lack of appetite, and severe depression.

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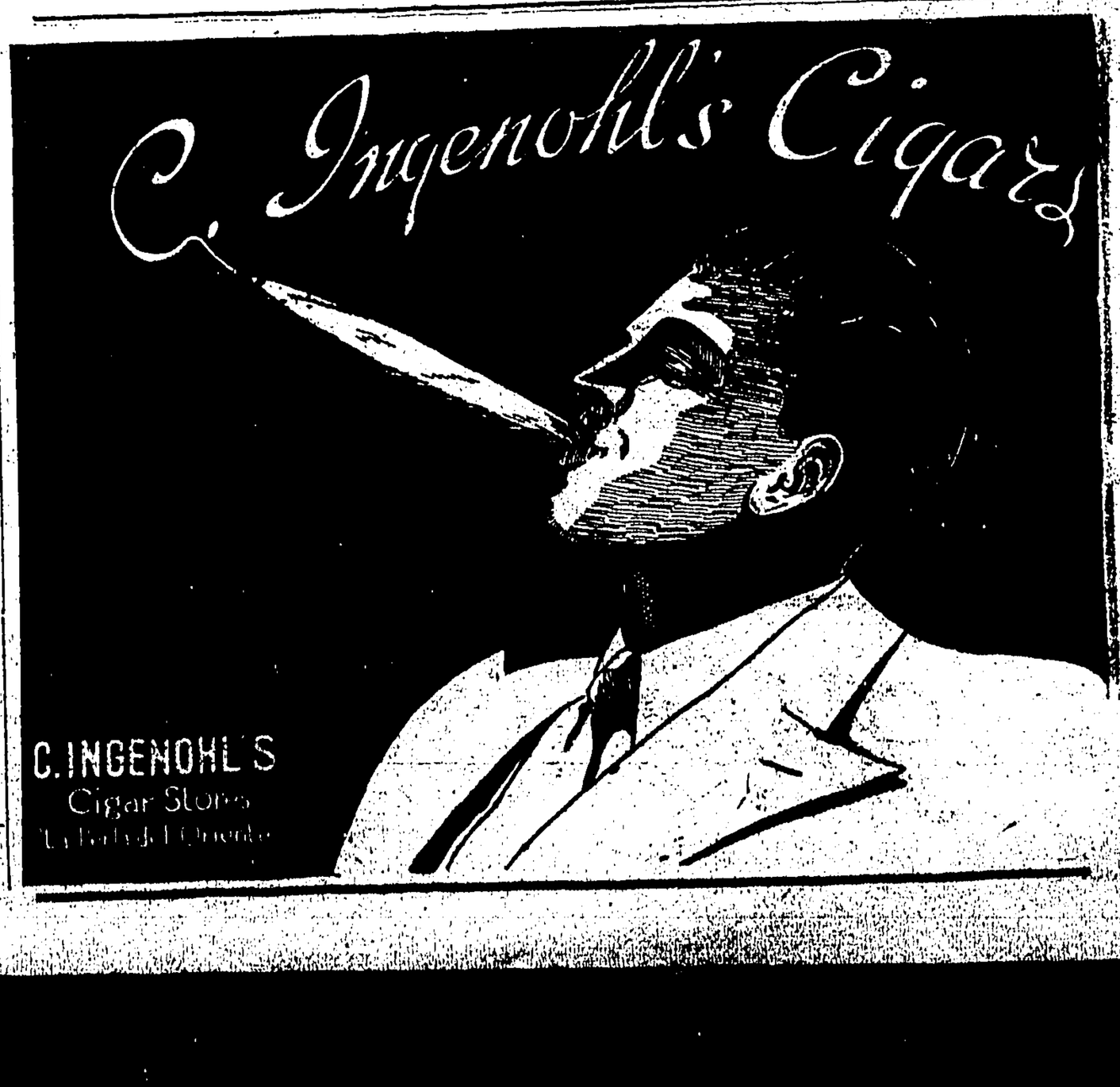

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Hong Kong, 22nd Feb., 1941.

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The Register of Shares of the Corporation will be closed from Thursday, the 13th February to Wednesday, the 26th February, 1941 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.
V. M. GRAYBURN,
Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 7th February, 1941.

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By Order of the Board of Directors.
C. M. MANNERS,
Secretary & Manager.
Hong Kong, 12th Feb., 1941.

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By Order of the Board of Directors,
KAN TONG PO,
Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 20th February, 1941.

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BRIDGE SWINDLES — NO. 27

By The Four Aces

Probably the best known conventional lead at Bridge is that of the King from a suit headed by either Ace-King or King-Queen, but there are circumstances in which that lead should not be made. For example:

South, Dealer
Neither side vulnerable

	♠ 7 4 ♡ A 9 4 ◇ 9 5 4 ♣ A Q J 8 4	
♠ 9 6 3 ♡ Q J 10 5 ◇ J 8 6 2 ♣ 7 5	N W E S	♠ 8 5 2 ♡ 8 7 3 2 ◇ A K 3 ♣ K 6 2
	♠ A K Q J 10 ♡ K 6 ◇ Q 10 7 ♣ 10 9 3	

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
4♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

West opened the Queen of hearts, dummy winning with the Ace. Declarer then drew three rounds of trumps and finessed the ten of clubs around to East's club King. It was at this point that East had to cast convertions to the winds.

HIGH CARD VALUES OF THE FOUR-ACES SYSTEM
ACE ... 3
KING .. 2
QUEEN 1
JACK ... ½
TOTAL VALUE FOR PACK OR AVERAGE HAND 10

South's insistence on a spade contract made it perfectly clear that he had the two unplayed trumps. It was also clear that he held the heart King, for West would not have led the heart Queen from a holding headed by both King and Queen. Finally, four club tricks for South were in plain sight.

The only chance to defeat the contract lay in taking three diamond tricks at once — before South could regain the lead and discard on the clubs. And East's best chance to get three diamond tricks was to lead the three of diamonds! Any diamond lead would be all right if West had the Queen, of course, but the deceptive low lead was vital if South had the Queen.

As it happened, South did have the Queen of diamonds; but he naturally finessed the ten. West won with the diamond Jack and returned the suit, whereupon East's top diamonds defeated the contract.

* * *

Saturday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you held:

♠ A Q 6 3
♡ 8
◇ A J 7 5 4
♣ K 10 2

The bidding:

Schenken	You	Mder	Jacoby
1♡	Dbl.	1♠	Dbl.
Pass	(?)		

ANSWER: Pass. Your partner's double is for penalties, and with your strength in spades you are perfectly willing to cooperate in defence against the spade bid. You should be pretty sure that the spade bid is a "psychic," and your partner's double exposes it.

Score 100% for pass, 0 for any other bid.

Question No. 647

To-day you hold the same hand, and the bidding continues:

Schenken	You	Mder	Jacoby
1♡	Dbl.	1♠	Dbl.
Pass	Pass	2♡	Pass
Pass	(?)		

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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"REMIT TAX ON BLACK-OUT"

Owing to purchase tax, black-out materials have become more expensive, says Mr. Alfred Edwards (Lab., Middlesbrough, E.) and he is to ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer if, in the interests of national safety, he will take steps to remit the tax on bona fide black-out sales.

When Aviatrix Alice was asked what her speed record was she said she hoped to make a male a minute.

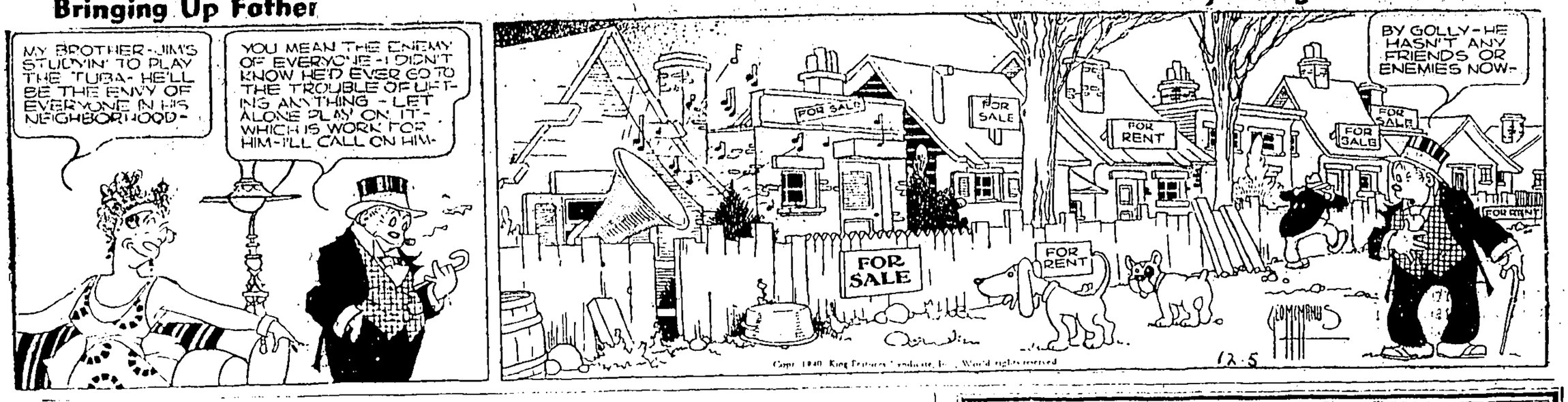
"CHARS" WIVES OF OFFICERS

Mr. E. W. Salt, Conservative M. P. for Yardley, Birmingham, states that so inadequate are their Army allowances, that he has found the wives of young officers having to work as charwomen and living in slum conditions.

He will raise the matter in Parliament.

Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



A PAGE FOR WOMEN

From appetizer to dessert this Dinner has FLAVOUR

Dorothy Greig

Under the appetizing browned potato top is tender veal and vegetables in savory mushroom gravy.

WHEN it comes to sheer enjoyment of food, it is flavor that counts most.

Food may be healthful and nutritious but if it is flat and flavorless the family either pecks at it with slow reluctance or gobbles it fast to get it over with.

But present the same food seasoned with skill, cooked with loving care and the family eats it with honest relish, leaves the table in a contented glow, well fortified to face the world.

It is no wonder, then, that we keep ever on the alert to add to our knowledge of how to bring out the best in food, how to season for the utmost in flavor

In the dinner outlined below, two of the dishes offer a new way to enhance flavor. First, however, here's the menu itself. It starts off with a bright appetizer.

Tomato Juice
Veal Pie with Mushroom Sauce, Potato Cover
French Style Onions
Buttered Spinach
Gingerbread with Foamy Sauce
Coffee *Milk*

Now that veal pie . . . simple to make as you will notice. But it has an extra plus touch—condensed cream of mushroom soup. The soup makes the gravy creamy, adds tender slices of fresh mushrooms and steps up the whole flavor of our pie.

Veal Pie with Mushroom Sauce, Potato Cover

1 tablespoon fat, melted
1 pound veal, cut in one-inch squares
6 cups water
1 slice onion
1 teaspoon salt
Pinch of pepper
3 medium carrots (cut in wedge pieces 1¼ inches long)
2 tablespoons flour (mixed with ⅛ cup cold water)
1 can condensed cream of mushroom soup
2 cups seasoned mashed potatoes

Cook the veal in the melted fat until golden brown. Add water, onion, and seasonings and simmer until veal is nearly tender about 1¼ hours, then add carrots and continue cooking 20-30 minutes. Add thickener and cook five minutes longer. Empty the cream of mushroom soup into a saucepan and stir well, add some of the hot sauce from the meat to it and heat. Then combine all together. Pour into a casserole, spread mashed potatoes over the top and bake in a hot oven (450° F.) for 20 minutes. Serves 5-6.

Onions often make our eyes water. Cook them in condensed consommé and sprinkle with cheese—and this time they will make our mouths water instead.

French Style Onions

6 cups small silver-skinned onions
1 can condensed consommé
Pinch of pepper
3 tablespoons grated cheese (sharp)

Heat the consommé to boiling, add onions and cook until tender, about 40 minutes. Then add pepper and grated cheese just before serving. Serves 5.

Serve with Soup

by Dorothy Greig

"LITTLE SHOW-OFFS" is my own private name for these fancy bites. I spring them on the family on special occasions such as birthday or holiday dinners. They're fun to make and even more fun to eat. And add a gala air to the serving of good hot soup at any time.

Of course, they are marvelous for company dinners, too.

Toast Stars

Cut star shapes out of bread with star cookie cutters. Toast one side under broiler. Then spread the untoasted side with softened butter and toast that side a light golden brown under the broiler.

Pinwheels

¼ cup butter
½ cup sharp cheese, grated
2 tablespoons chopped parsley
1 teaspoon prepared mustard
1 tablespoon catsup
1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
Bread slices

Cream the butter and cheese together, mix well and add the other seasonings. Slice the bread (preferably day old) about ⅛ inch thick. Spread generously with the cheese mixture. Roll like a jelly roll and fasten with toothpicks. Wrap in waxed paper and chill for ½ hour or longer. Just before serving, cut off in ¼ inch slices and toast under the broiler until a delicate golden brown. Makes 36 pinwheels.

Cheese Balls

¼ cup butter
½ cup grated sharp cheese
½ cup dry bread crumbs
Yolk of one egg

Combine butter and cheese and mix until creamy. Then add bread crumbs and egg yolk. Form into balls about the size of a small marble. Roll in crumbs and fry in hot fat.

Beauty Routine

Your weekly schedule should include a facial, a thorough scalp treatment including lubrication if your hair is dry, a long luxurious hour in the bathroom taking care of those personal details of nice grooming. Daily, I urge you to keep up the good work of brushing your hair, cleansing your skin well, exercising and watching your menus! Brisk weather makes your skin and hair more dry, so you will have to take extra precautions in protecting them with creams and ointments.

To Clear Skin

Eat plenty of fresh fruits and fresh vegetables, whole grain cereals and drink your milk. Buttermilk is excellent for skin clearing so try to take a glass of it each day. Cut out at once all rich desserts and sauces, and those in between snacks at an ice-cream parlour. Regular meals at regular hours, and eating the right things will bring you better health.

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OFF THE RECORD By ED REED

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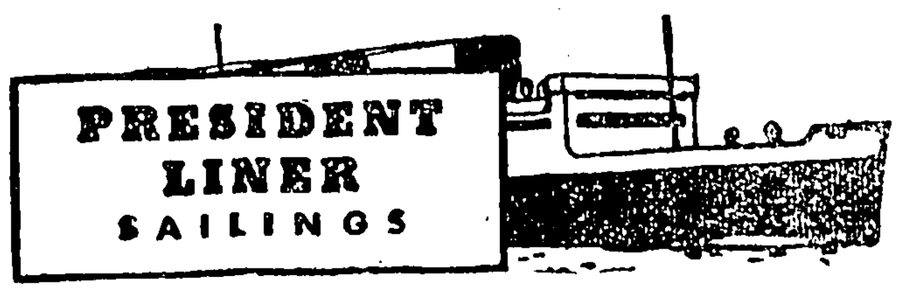

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SHE'S B.B.C. DANCE BAND BOSS AT 27

POWER BEHIND THE dance band scenes at the B.B.C. now is twenty-seven-year-old Norah Neale, who has just been promoted from her post as secretary to a variety producer to an important executive position.

She is the only woman who has ever been O.C. dance band broadcasts, and she owes her job to the war, since her former chief, John Burnaby, is now in the R.A.F.

It is a big change over from secretary to boss, but Norah can take it—and so can the dance-band leaders. In fact, they enjoy it.

"What is it like being bossed by a woman? Very nice," Eddie Carroll said, "though I cannot say I have experienced any bossing yet. Norah knows her stuff."

And she does. Her name appears on no programme. The public never hears of her, but what she says goes.

Henry Hall, Eddie Carroll and all the rest of them may be heroes when they appear on the public platform, but Norah's the girl with power to tell them off before they get there.

"I build up the once-a-week dance band programme," she told a reporter. "I spend ages attending the rehearsals.

"I have the power to cut out a number if I don't like it, though I have not done so yet. The dance band leaders are grand fellows and I love working with them."

Norah, a Scot, comes from Glasgow. Perhaps that is why she is so successful at the iron-hand-inside-the-velvet-glove stuff.

For, as she says herself, "There is not a dance band which does not include several people from the North."

She swears she is heart-free—but her favourite tune is "Night and day you are the one."

Sildiers of a British mechanised unit smilingly endeavouring to overcome the language problem in Greece. (Copyright, Fox).

BEDROOM SCENE—

Soldiers in a northern barracks were very proud of their sleeping quarters.

No draughty floors, no humpy straw palliasses for them, but proper beds with wire springs, three "biscuit" mattresses, and four blankets.

Until one morning as they slept in comfort a fleet of lorries drove up in a cloud of dust, sergeants bawled the men from their sleep, and swiftly the beautiful beds wer dismantled, slung on the lorries and raced away towards the south.

And there was mourning in a northern barracks.

Travelling fast, the lorries had soon covered eighty miles and in another cloud of dust they pulled up outside the local barracks.

With the same urgent speed the beds were reassembled in two neat rows and soldiers, who the night before had dossed on bare boards, were lined up beside them.

The scene was set—but only just in time—for the arrival of the Princess Royal on a tour of inspection.

The Princess smiled approvingly as a high Army officer conducted her between the row of beds.

"You have very comfortable quarters here," she said.

"Yes, madam," replied the men—and not one of them smiled.

So the Princess went on her way and, as the soldiers watched in gloom, the beds, in which they were not to sleep for even one night, were packed up and raced north once more.

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HOCKEY

MACAO DOWN AT HALF-TIME UNLUCKY NOT TO BEAT RECREIO

By "Sportshawk"

HANDICAPPED by the slippery ground and strong gusts of wind against them in the first half, at the end of which period they were being one goal down, Macao Hockey Club recovered magnificently on the resumption to draw with Club de Recreio in a hockey match at King's Park yesterday afternoon, four goals being shared.

Macao were without the services of their captain, Laertes Costa, who is on the injured list, while E. L. Gosano was an absentee from the local Portuguese team, owing to an injury sustained in a softball game earlier in the afternoon.

Outstanding Players

Two men stood out in the local team They were W. A. Reed, the pivot, and B. T. Gosano, centre-forward. The former was all over the field, intercepting well and giving good support to his forward, while Gosano ably led the attack throughout.

The homesters' defence was best served by J. Gonsalves, who cleared with power and showed clever anticipation. J. Soares played a hard game on the right-wing.

Almada, for the visitors, was the better custodian bringing off some remarkable saves in the course of the game and, at one time dealing effectively with two shots in quick succession attempted by the local leader, B. Gosano.

The best department in the visitors' team was their intermediate, line in which J. Nolasco, Alex Airosa and Trigo Silva, all did very well, particularly the pivot, Alex Airosa, who showed brilliant stickwork.

Albert Airosa and P. Angelo combined well in the attack for the visitors and were always dangerous while F. Nolasco, the left-wing, played a sound game but was too often caught off-side.

Recreio Starts Well

Play was in favour of Recreio for almost the entire opening period, in which the visitors were only allowed to launch occasional raids.

Recreio attack strongly from the whistle but were unable to score until the middle of the first half when J. Fonseca drew first blood from a scrimmage. The home team managed to hold this lead until the interval.

On the resumption, R. Rosario took over Ferreiro's position at left-back, and G. Silva replaced F. Ramalho at inside-left while Ferreiro moved out to release Trigo Silva on the left-half.

These changes made a noticeable difference, for Silva strengthened the attack considerably and combined excellently with P. Angelo.

Macao adopted central attack tactics and equalised through P. Angelo from a pass from G. Silva, and took the lead through Albert Airosa.

Goal Disallowed

Macao again applied pressure and F. Nolasco, cutting through sent the ball to P. Angelo, who netted. This goal was, however, disallowed owing to off-side.

About five minutes from the end, B. Gosano scored the equaliser for the homesters as the result of a solo effort, the game thus ending in a draw.

It is understood that Macao will pick their Interport team from the 13 players on view yesterday, and their captain and Laertes Costa.

RECREIO—H. Gonsalves; R. Marques and J. Gonsalves; P. Yvanovich, W. A. Reed and A. N. Alves; J. Soares, J. N. Gosano, B. G. Gosano, F. X. Sequeira and J. Fonseca.

MACAO—Almada; Basto and Ferreiro (R. Rosario); J. Nolasco, Alex Airosa and Trigo Silva (Ferreiro); F. Nolasco, Albert Airosa, P. Angelo, F. Ramalho (G. Silva) and R. Angelo.

COLONY TEAM PRACTICE

The Interport Probables will play another practice game with a British Army XI on the Club ground to-morrow, commencing at 5 p.m.

Following are requested to be present:—V. M. Benwell; V. C. Bond and J. Gonsalves; R. A. Marques, W. A. Reed and N. B. Whitley; T. Whitley, G. Singh, B. Gosano, H. L. Ozorio and W. Brown.

Reserves:—W. Parker, E. Fowler, D. Smith, A. E. P. Guest and A. N. Alves.

ENTRIES CLOSE ON SATURDAY

Although only one week remains before the closing date of entries for the Colony Lawn Tennis Championships, Mr. A. K. Mackenzie, Hon. Secretary of Hong Kong Cricket Club, under whose auspices the tournament is conducted, told the "China Mail" on Saturday that very few entries had been received to date.

It is learned, however, that T. Umetani, the Japanese star who made such a promising debut last year, intends to enter the singles event and he is looking for a partner for the doubles.

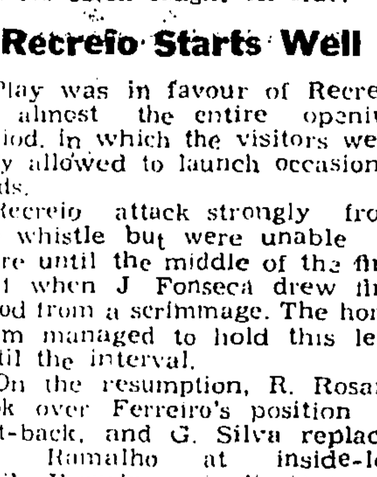
With no new blood in the Colony it appears likely that the current year's tournament will follow much the same lines as those conducted in the last two years.

PRESENTATION TO CAPT. PEAL

A very pleasent function took place at Hong Kong Football Club last Sunday after the Final of the Lai Wah Cup game when Mr. W. Fryde, a vice-president of Hong Kong Football Association, on behalf of the Council of the Association, made a presentation to Captain A. W. F. Peal, who is terminating his connection with the Association owing to his impending departure. He has also relinquished the posts of Army Representative on the Council and Hon. Secretary of Army Area Sports Board.

The presentation took the form of a silver cigarette case suitably inscribed.

Francis Nodt, Shanghai jockey who is sharing the rides for the Cire Stable with Chris Moller, states that he first learned how to ride by getting hold of "any old horse" he could. Hack or carriage ponies were the same in providing him with his early mounts, and the "training gallops" were usually held in the then main street of Shanghai—the road which led to the Kiangwan Race Course, across the old railway track.



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NEW POLICE TALENT

G. V. White, latest addition to Police Recreation Club cricket team, has only been in the Colony about a month but he has already made his presence felt in the Junior Division of the Cricket League.

White formerly played for St. George's Club, which figured prominently in the Cricket Club Conference matches in London, and is a useful right-hand medium leg-break bowler. He has not quite found his real form yet, but when he does he should get in amongst the wickets frequently. He is exceptionally fast at cover-point and has a very safe pair of hands.

White also plays tennis, football and squash, but he intends to concentrate on cricket. As usual with new arrivals here, he is at present finding the light a little troublesome.

LARGE UNITS LEAGUE

Further results in the Large Units Hockey League are as follows:—

4th Round

5th R.A. Regt. R.A. 3 Combined S.U. 2

5th Round

12th (H) Regt. R.A. 3 R.E. 0

Middlesex Regt. 5 Punjab Regt. 1

6th Round

12th (H) R.A. 2 Royal Scots 1

Middlesex Regt. 4 8th (H) Regt. 0

7th Round

Rajput Regt. 1 8th (H) Regt. 0

Middlesex Regt. 4 12th (H) Regt. 2

R.E. 5 H.K. Regt. H.K.S.R.A. 2

8th Round

Middlesex Regt. 9 5th A.A. Regt, R.A. 0

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
Middlesex	8	7	1	0	15
12th (H) Regt.	7	3	3	1	9
Rajput Regt.	5	3	2	0	8
5th A.A. Regt.	5	2	2	1	6
8th (H) Regt.	7	2	1	4	5
H.K.S.R.A.	5	1	2	2	4
Punjab Regt.	5	1	2	2	4
R. Scots	6	1	1	4	3
C.S.U.	4	0	2	2	2
R.E.	6	1	0	6	2

If it is not possible to decide on points alone which two teams will compete in the challenge match for the Garrison Cup, the choice will fall on the team with the greater number of wins; or, failing that, the better goal ratio.

RAPIER'S SELECTION FOR TO-DAY

Race No. 1
KING'S FLIGHT
BUGLE
STRATHALBYN
Outsider:—Lex Fort.

Race No. 2
PALBER
GLOSSYLIGHT
EVE OF DECEPTION
Outsider:—World Fair View.

Race No. 3
DISTANT VIEW
NOMINE POENAE
FLEETWING
Outsider:—Hascossay.

Race No. 4
CONFUSION BAY
EVE OF HARVEST
SPICYLIGHT
Outsider:—White Diamond.

Race No. 5
VENUS BAY
CHEERFUL STAR
CATTERICK BRIDGE
Outsider:—Centre Court.

Race No. 6
SANTA-ANITA
CORSAIR
HAPPY RETURNS
Outsider:—Twinkling Star.

Race No. 7
EVE OF PEACE
EVE OF HUNTING
SYLVANDALE
Outsider:—Scenic View.

Race No. 8
UNITED EXPRESS
MANHATTAN
ENDEAVOUR
Outsider:—Vitamin M.

Race No. 9
FAR VIEW
LANCASHIRE CHIPS
VICEROY
Outsider: — Australian Diamond.

Race No. 10
ORACLE
PRAIRIE VIEW
MARSH WARBLER
Outsider:—Vic Major.

Race No. 11
OOLONG
VELVETLIGHT
CHARLESBER
Outsider:—Iron Beauty.

Race No. 12
FRESH AIR
NEWBORN STAR
SYDNEY DIAMOND
Outsider:—Buckfastleigh.

DAILY DOUBLE:—EVE OF PEACE AND FAR VIEW.

SATURDAY'S SPORTS

CRICKET

FIVE cricket matches were played on Saturday, K.C.C. virtually winning the Senior League as the result of a victory over Recreio, while University upset Craigengower Juniors and had much the better of a drawn game.

Leading performances were:—

BATTING

J. Macauley	91
J. M. Gosano	75
A. E. Noronha	72
T. C. Lo	47
A. B. Hamson	47
D. J. N. Anderson	46
J. F. MacGowan	46
H. Tyler	41
D. Chelliah	40
W. L. Clarke	39
R. S. W. Patterson	37
R. S. Gill	36
D. Hung	34
M. A. Wahab	31
W. Colledge	31
G. Ainslie	31
F. J. Lay	30

BOWLING

M. R. Abbas	6 for 43
N. D. Lloyd	5 for 54
H. Danbrowsky	4 for 47
C. Whitfield	4 for 48
J. F. MacGowan	4 for 61

FOOTBALL

The Second Round of the Shield Competition was played on Saturday and with the exception of the Royal Navy-Royal Scots game the results were as expected.

Signals were badly beaten by Service Corps in the Junior Division by 4 clear goals.

Club surprised Kowloon in First Division to win by 3 goals to 1 while in Third Division, Air Force received a severe setback when they were beaten by the odd goal in five by 35th Royal Artillery.

RUGBY

Combined Services were held to a three all draw by a Combined Club-Police team at Happy Valley on Saturday.

In the Services "A" game against Club and Police, the former won by 15—0 after being 0—0 down at one stage.

FORM GUIDE

Following is a complete survey of racing at the Valley this year, giving the time, first three ponies, their jockeys and weights, won by and when—A.M. stands for Annual Meeting, and 1 or 2 means first or second day:

AUSTRALIAN GRIFFINS, 1941

6 FURLONGS

1.18.2—Distant View (Pih, 152); 2, Via Major (Sokoloff, 152); 3, Starlight (Moller, 152). 3 and 5. A.M.1.

ONE MILE

1.51.0—A Happy Time (Holden, 152); 2, Fleetwing (Poy, 152); 3, Colooma (Black, 152). 5 and short head. A.M.1.

1 MILE 171 YARDS

2.00.3—Fleetwing (Poy, 152); Starlight (Moller, 152); 3, Mountain View (Pih, 152). 3 and 1. A.M. 2.

1¼ MILES

2.19.4—First Love (Liang, 152); 2, Prairie View (Pih, 152); 3, Marsh Warbler (Black, 152). 3 and short head. A.M.1.

1½ MILES

2.54.1—Distant View (Pih, 152); 2, Oracle (Needa, 151); 3, First Love (Liang, 152). Many and 3. A.M.2.

AUSTRALIAN SUBS, 1941

HALF MILE

51.1—Moonlight (Noodt, 149); 2, Bona Vacantia (Sokoloff, 152); 3, Fresh Air (Ip Kui-ying, 149). 2 and short head. A.M.2.

54.1—Bendemeer (Needa, 152); 2, Royal Sovereign (Noodt, 152); 3, Newborn Star (Craven, 152). 2 and 4. A.M.2.

6 FURLONGS

1.18.4—United Express (Ip Kui-ying, 152); 2, Fresh Air (Woo, 149); 3, Newborn Star (Craven, 152). 5 and ½. A.M.1.

1.19.4—Amulet Star (Craven, 152); 2, Black Seal (Chao, 152); 3, A Surprising Time (Holden, 152). Neck and short head. A.M.1.

1.19.4—National Welfare (Tao, 152); 2, Happy Returns (Wei, 149); 3, Vitamin M. (Black, 152). Head and head. A.M. 1.

ONE MILE

1.48.0—Manhattan (Hearne, 149); Jus Gentium (Sokoloff, 150); 3, Endeavour (Wei, 152). 4 and 3. A.M.1.

1.52.0—United Express (Ip Kui-ying, 152); 2, Tien Tien (Sung, 150); 3, Casino (Tang Man-Wa, 149). Many and 2. A.M.2.

1 MILE 171 YARDS

2.00.0—Dutch Treat (Botelho, 152); 2, Black Seal (Chao, 152); 3, Bugle (Wei, 149). Short head and ½. A.M.2.

1¼ MILES

2.30.2—Santa-Anita (Liang, 153); 2, King's Flight (Needa, 153); 3, Corsair (Botelho, 150). 3 and 2. A.M.2.

AUSTRALIAN OLD PONIES

ONE MILE

1.46.2—Sapper (Davis, 159); 2, Far View (Pih, 158); 3, Viceroy (Black, 152). 5 and 2½. A.M.1.

1.56.0—Many Thanks (Hearne, 159); 2, Vixen Tor (Noodt, 147); 3, Pumpernickel (Tao, 153). Many and 4. A.M.2.

1 MILE 171 YARDS

1.59.1—Fair Chance (Wei, 146); 2, Springhurst (Poy, 148); 3, Vixen Tor (Noodt, 143). 1½ and short head. A.M.1.

NEW CHINA PONIES

6 FURLONGS

1.23.3—Oolong (Needa, 152); 2, Lovelylight (Noodt, 152); 3, Palber (Chao, 152). 3 and 4. A.M.1.

1¼ MILES

2.41.0—Velvetlight (Moller, 152); 2, Eve of Deception (Coppin, 156); 3, Raconteur (Wei, 152). 3 and many. A.M.1.

1½ MILES

3.02.0—Oolong (Needa, 152); 2, Velvetlight (Moller, 152); 3, Lovelylight (Noodt, 152). 1 and 6. A.M.2.

OLD CHINA PONIES

6 FURLONGS

1.34.3—Eve of Peace (Wood, 155); 2, Lovely Star (Fung, 159); 3, Royal Wedding Eve (Feilden, 166). 6 and many. A.M.2.

1 MILE

1.50.3—Conquering Time (Moller, 150), and Eve of Reason (Davis, 135); 3, Hughber (Chang, 135). Dead heat and short head. A.M.2.

1¼ MILES

2.25.1—Navylight (Moller, 153); 2, Eve of Harvest (Davis, 153); 3, Confusion Bay (Needa, 156). Head and ¾. A.M.2.

1½ MILES

3.26.1—O-Lan (Needa, 149); 2, Eve of Harvest (Davis, 149); 3, Burford (S. W. Tang, 152). 2 and short head. A.M.1.

Sing Tao Beaten In Shield Tie

St. Joseph's Defence Pave Way To Victory

Macdonald, Guy And Flanders Shine For Winners

By "Referee"

ST. JOSEPH'S caused the first big surprise in the Senior Shield Competition this season when at Causeway Bay yesterday they beat Sing Tao by two clear goals after a goalless first half.

Sing Tao fielded their usual team while St. Joseph's introduced Guy and Flanders to their side and played D. Leonard at left half in place of Lau Hing-kwong.

Saints owe their victory to their defence for in the first half they were given a gruelling time against the Sing Tao forwards and though their goal had some narrow escapes were able to keep it intact.

During that period they could not assist their forwards to any extent as they were hampered by the strong wind and were thus unable to place their passes as desired. In the second half they had a better hold of Sing Tao forwards and plied their forwards with good passes.

With perhaps the heaviest defence against them, Sing Tao forwards could make no impression on Saints's defence and were always beaten with high balls.

Guy in the pivotal position, played a good game and showed glimpses of his old interper. form. He had the centre well covered and his hard tackling and hard kicking cleared his lines often. He was safe with everything overhead.

He had Kwong Ying-kee so well held in the second period that the centre forward was never dangerous.

Leonard Sound

D. Leonard, in an unusual position at left half, played himself to a standstill and used his weight whenever required with the result that Yeung Shui-yick was put off his usual game and was not so dangerous. Leonard also paid constant attention to Fung King-cheong and with these two players held in check by him and Kwok unable to do anything against Guy, the sting of Sing Tao's attack was taken out

At right half, Castilho did his bit well. He found the ground slippery at times but was able to keep Ip Pak-wah in check.

Good Backs

Behind this intermediate line were two sound backs in Bowen and Hussain who did not place a foot wrong. Hussain covered Bowen admirably while the latter was safe in his kicking.

The good display of the other defenders gave Sammy Tsang, in goal, every confidence and he played an exceptionally good game. He brought off a good save in the opening minutes of the game and in the second half saved several good shots.

MacDonald proved to be a great leader. He took the shortest route to goal and worried Cheung Wing-choy so much that the latter was not as safe as usual.

Santos and Flanders were a dangerous left wing pair and the latter gave the Saints' attack that spurt they have always needed. Flanders sent over good centres one of which resulted in a goal.

Sing Tao Start Well

Sing Tao started off well and took up the offensive early on but they were not able to score. Leung Wing-chui kept his forwards well supplied with passes while Chui Ai-fai and Soong Ling-sing generally had the measure of the Saints' forwards.

Yeung Shui-yick and Fung King-cheong were engaging the constant attention of Leonard but the passes were often intercepted by Bowen.

Ip Pak-wah and Lai Shui-wing were seen in several good movements but lacked finish.

In the second half the forwards fell off badly and with the Saints applying continued pressure Sing Tao defence were often drawn out of position resulting in both wingers being unmarked.

Mak Shui-hon and Hau Yung-sang could not cope with the movements and were often beaten by the inter-passing of the Saints' forwards.

The Scoring

After a goalless first half in which Sing Tao had more of the play, Saints scored through Santos after MacDonald had forced Cheung Wing-choy to drop the ball and shortly after MacDonald placed the Saints further in the lead with a good goal. The goal started from D. Leonard who retrieved the ball almost on the touch line and sent Flanders away on the wing. The latter sent over a perfect grounder which was met by MacDonald.

In spite of this deficit Sing Tao forwards played better and Tsang was called upon on several occasions but Saints' defence were able to hold out.

ST. JOSEPH'S—Tsang; Bowen, Hussain, Castilho, Guy, Leonard; Cruz, Santos, McDonald, Gomes, Flanders.

SING TAO—Cheung Wing-choi; Mak Shui-hon, Hau Yung-sang; Soong Ling-sing, Leung Wing-choi, Chui Ah-fai; Yeung Shui-yick, Fung King-cheung, Kwok Ying-kee, Lai Shui-wing, Ip Pak-wah.

YESTERDAY'S SOCCER RESULTS

SENIOR SHIELD			
Kwong Wah	1	Eastern	2
St. Joseph's	2	Sing Tao	0
JUNIOR SHIELD			
Sing Tao "B"	1	36th R.A.	0
Navy	3	International	2
SECOND DIVISION			
R.A.O.C.	2	Kwong Wah	2
Kit Chee	2	Engineers	3
THIRD DIVISION			
24th R.A.	5	A.S.A.	0

FOOTBALL SNIPPETS

Sing Tao's team are leaving for Manila on Wednesday, accompanied by Mr. Aw Ho as manager.

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Eastern are leaving for Manila on April 12 to play three games there.

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As South China will be visiting Australia after the present football season they may cancel their projected tour to Manila. The reason is that many of the players will not be able to obtain leave for both trips.

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Leung Wing-chui, Sing Tao pivot, is unable to obtain the necessary leave to accompany the team to Manila.

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Minshull, of 24th Royal Artillery, who represented Combined Artillery in the Senior Shield, has been transferred to 35th R.A.

SECOND BEST WILL NOT WIN

Mr. Menzies On The Empire War Effort

RED ARMY PROGRESS

The Soviet Red Army celebrated the twenty-third anniversary of its formation yesterday.

The occasion was marked by a speech by General Tyulenev, commander of the Moscow military district, in which he extolled and outlined progress made by the Army.

He claimed that the breaking of Finland's Mannerheim Line last year was an example of the high state of development of military technique.

Various new military appointments were also announced and foreign military attaches were entertained to tea by the Soviet Chief of Staff at the official residence of the Foreign Commissar.

In the newspaper "Pravda" the Deputy Naval Commissar, Admiral Iskov, writes that the Soviet Navy has formed a Danube flotilla and declares that this is the last of the Soviet Navy's developments. — Reuter.

ITALIANS TO WORK FOR HITLER

Two hundred thousand Italian workers will arrive in Germany during the next few days, announced the German radio last night.

This news was preceded by the announcement of the arrival in Berlin of Signor Capoferri, Chief of the Fascist Labour Confederation.

The radio gave no indication of the nature of the work which the Italian visitors will do in Germany. — Reuter.

Nazis Already Feeling The Strain

THE EMPIRE MUST BE "ALL IN," OUR SECOND BEST WILL NOT WIN THIS WAR — THESE WERE THE KEYNOTES OF A SPEECH BROADCAST BY THE AUSTRALIAN PRIME MINISTER, MR. R. G. MENZIES, FROM LONDON LAST NIGHT.

Mr. Menzies said: "The British Empire and the United States are in the vital matter of war production only beginning, while Germany must already be feeling the strain, which will not be sensibly diminished by making slaves of Italian factory hands after the collapse of the Italian military effort.

"Time, provided we use it day and night, is our ally."

Addressing the people of Britain, Mr. Menzies said: "You must never think yourselves to be alone.

"Speaking, I am sure, not only for Australia but for the whole British Empire beyond the seas, I say to you—we are in this most holy war with you.

"Everything that we have of manpower, treasure, skill or determination is pledged to work and fight for you and with you until final victory is attained and a better and juster day dawns for the world in which our children are to live."

Four Aussie Divisions

Mr. Menzies said the Australian Expeditionary Force was already an army corps of four divisions and corps troops. Thousands of men had already made their just blows heard in Rome and desired only to deliver them at Berlin.

Thousands of young Australians were entering the air war with their brothers from Britain and the Dominions, and were destined to see the Empire the just mistress of the air.

"Above all, inspired by the splendid example of the King and Queen, your spirit and ours is not merely defensive. It is not sufficient to avoid defeat.

"Between the powers of darkness and the powers of light there can be no compromise. It is no twilight world that we are seeking."—Reuter.

INDIA'S RECRUITS FOR NAVY

Altogether 468 Indian boys are training for the Indian Navy near Karachi under 100 officers and instructors.

Sixty of the boys will pass out immediately after 18 months intensive training, including gunnery, engineering and wireless, while fresh batches are constantly being taken.

Reuter's special correspondent, after a visit yesterday to the training ship, was struck by the boys' discipline, efficiency and eagerness to acquit themselves creditably when drafted to the Indian Navy.—Reuter.

SCHOOLBOYS IN NAZI GAOL

Severe terms of imprisonment have been passed on the leaders of a group of six Dutch schoolboys charged with committing acts of sabotage against the German forces of occupation, Reuter learns in Dutch circles in London.

The boys, who attended a secondary school at Haarlem, were tried by court martial. One was sentenced to 18 months' imprisonment and two others to 15 months.

Faced Death

It was alleged that they had tried to damage or destroy electric cables and other property belonging to the German forces. The boys were also accused of forming an organisation directed against the Dutch Nazi Party.

"They were not condemned to death on account of their youth," the "Deutsche Zeitung in den Niederlanden" states.

STOP PRESS

A sensation has been caused in local Chinese social and sporting circles by a tragic affair involving Mr. Fung Kwok-wah, the well-known amateur jockey, star water-polo player and compradore of the Green Island Cement Company.

Mrs. Fung Kwok-wah is dead having been found with severe head and throat wounds, which proved fatal, and which were allegedly inflicted on her with a chopper by her husband.

Mr. Fung, is now lying in the Kowloon Hospital in a critical condition as a result of a dose of Lysol.

The body of his wife has been sent to the Kowloon Mortuary.

It is learned that the couple went hiking yesterday starting from their bungalow on the Clear Water Bay Road.

They appeared to be very friendly and nothing unusual seems to have occurred until about 11 p.m. last night, when gardeners were attracted by screams from the couple's bedroom.

Unable to obtain admission after knocking, the servants forced the door open and entering the bedroom, found Mrs. Fung lying on the floor. She was bleeding profusely from throat and head wounds.

Mr. Fung was also on the floor and appeared to be in great pain.

The police were immediately notified but on arrival found that Mrs. Fung had already succumbed to her injuries.

Mr. Fung was sent to the Kowloon Hospital where he was found to be suffering from Lysol poisoning.

The Police found an empty bottle of Lysol and a chopper.

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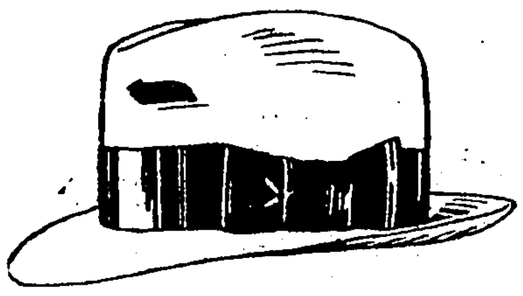

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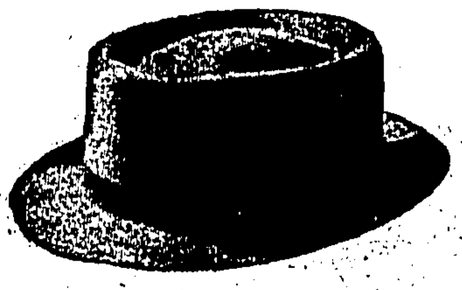

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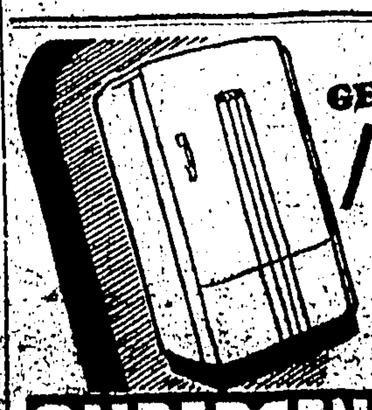

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AIR BATTLE FOR CHANNEL DEVELOPING

Nazis Fill The Skies Near Dover

A STRONG FORCE OF GERMAN FIGHTER-BOMBERS INVADED THE SKIES OVER THE STRAITS OF DOVER YESTERDAY AFTERNOON FOLLOWING SATURDAY'S PATROL ACTIVITIES AND SMALL-SCALE DAYLIGHT RAIDS ON SOUTH-EAST ENGLAND.

Spitfires and anti-aircraft guns along the Channel coast went into action and several groups of enemy machines were turned back before reaching the English coast.

There had been considerable activity over the Straits by Spitfires during the morning, and British bombers were seen flying across the sea.

It was learned later that German fighters and fighter-bombers, numbering about a squadron, were chased back across the Straits of Dover during the afternoon by British fighters.

They failed to penetrate beyond the coast and there are no report of bombs being dropped.

Enemy air activity over Britain last night was scattered.

London Alert

Bombs were dropped in fields in one south-eastern district and enemy 'planes were reported in the vicinity of a north-east town.

The alert was sounded in London early in the evening but after a period the all clear signal was given.

Early reports suggested that the attack on London had been very slight.—Reuter.

BEDROOM SLAYING MYSTERY

Well-Known Chinese couple

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They appeared to be very friendly and nothing unusual seems to have occurred until about 11 p.m. last night, when gardeners were attracted by screams from the couple's bedroom.

Unable to obtain admission after knocking, the servants forced the door open and entering the bedroom, found Mrs. Fung lying on the floor. She was bleeding profusely from throat and head wounds.

Mr. Fung was also on the floor and appeared to be in great pain.

The police were immediately notified but on arrival found that Mrs. Fung had already succumbed to her injuries.

Mr. Fung was sent to the Kowloon Hospital where he was found to be suffering from Lysol poisoning.

The Police found an empty bottle of Lysol and a chopper.

EX-KING ALFONSO NOT DEAD

Reports of the death of ex-King Alfonso of Spain appear to be premature.

A Reuter despatch from Rome this morning states that Cardinal Maglione, Papal Secretary of State, visited the former monarch yesterday afternoon and talked with him for some minutes.

Alfonso, who received his visitor sitting in an armchair, conversed with perfect lucidity but his condition continues to cause anxiety.

Meanwhile, the Duke of Alba, Spanish Ambassador to Britain, was expected at Lisbon yesterday on his way to Rome, according to a Lisbon despatch to the Havas agency.

The Duke of Alba is an intimate friend of Alfonso, and was stated to be hurrying to his bedside.—Reuter.

M. Campinchi Passes

M. Campinchi, former French Navy Minister, died yesterday at Marseilles, according to the Swiss radio quoted by Reuter.

FIRE IN HONG KONG STEAMER

With a fire smouldering in one of the coal bunkers, the s.s. Kwangtung steamed full speed for Hong Kong on Saturday arriving in harbour at 9.30 a.m. yesterday to enter the Taikoo Dock for examination.

According to the report of the master, Captain F. N. Booth, smoke was observed coming from one of the coal bunkers at 2.30 a.m. on Saturday.

Water hoses were immediately played on the coal however, and the water hose crew were kept at work until yesterday morning when the vessel, travelling at full speed, reached Hong Kong.

On entering the harbour, the smoke ceased and presumably the fire had been put out, after some 32 hours.

HEAVY RAID ON MASSAWA

Fires were started among forts and buildings as a result of an attack by South African fighters on Massawa aerodrome, states a communique from R.A.F. Middle East Headquarters.

At Burie, R.A.F. bombers machine-gunned positions east of the town.

It is now learned that as the result of an encounter near Brava, south of Benghazi, between fighters of Australian squadrons and a number of Junkers 87 and Messerschmidt 110, one Junker and one Messerschmidt were destroyed.

From all operations one British fighter is missing.—Reuter.

IMPORTANT BLUE NILE TOWN TAKEN

A COMBINED FORCE of British troops and Abyssinian patriots has occupied Shogair, on the Blue Nile, in Abyssinia.

Announcing this yesterday a British communique issued in Cairo says that an enemy counter-attack was repulsed, leaving over 150 dead on the field of battle, while British and Abyssinian patriot losses were slight.

Quantities of war material and many prisoners were captured when British troops occupied Jumbo, near the mouth of the Juba River, in Italian Somaliland.

Operations east of the river continue to develop to the British advantage.

A British column is moving down the Red Sea coast from the north.

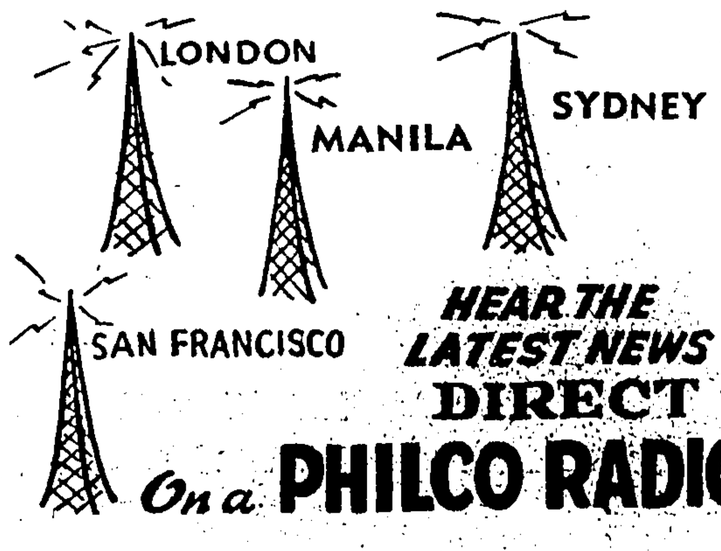
Reinforced by Free French forces from French Equatorial Africa this column is making satisfactory headway, while the British forces around Keren continue preparations for the reduction of the Italian position covering the town.

The communique adds that the situation in Libya is unchanged.—Reuter.

SIR REGINALD HOARE OFF TO ANKARA

Sir Reginald Hoare, former British Ambassador in Bucharest, left Istanbul last night for Ankara.

Sir Reginald, who is on the way to Egypt, is expected to remain one day in the Turkish capital as the guest of the British Ambassador.—Reuter.



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IL DUCE'S PEP TALK TO ITALY

Urges People To Have Faith In German Strength

Foolish To Talk Of Separate Peace; After Taranto

THE DIFFICULTIES OF THE FIGHT IN WHICH ITALY IS ENGAGED "NOT ONLY IN THE MEDITERRANEAN BUT ABOVE ALL ON WIDELY SEPARATED FRONTS OF WAR AGAINST BRITISH WORLD POWER," WERE EXPLAINED BY MUSSOLINI YESTERDAY IN A SPEECH IN ROME ADDRESSED TO "THE ITALIAN PEOPLE AND TO THE WORLD."

Mussolini expressed his complete conviction that the struggle would come to a "victorious conclusion," declaring that it was the will of Fascist Italy.

Il Duce was speaking at a meeting of the Fascio di Combattimenti del Urbe, and declared he had come to break the silence which was "dear to him, especially in time of war."

Italy, he said, had been at war not eight months but six years, namely since January 3, 1935.

Alluding to General Franco's appeal at the time of the Spanish Civil War, the Duce said: "We could not turn a deaf ear. It was our duty to go to his help."

He proceeded to say: "Really we have been at war since October 28, 1922, when we rose against the plutocratic Masonic and capitalist world.

"In September, 1939, we were on the eve of war. We could could not wait to be entirely ready, for history seized us by the throat.

"Italy immobilised immense enemy forces and so assisted the Germans to win their brilliant victories.

"After France, there remained enemy number one, against whom we shall fight to the last drop of our blood.

"Italy has always had to engage in distant and difficult wars."

Libyan Army

Referring to Libya as "a most important strategic point," Mussolini stated that between October 1, 1937, and January 31, 1941, more than 14,000 officers and 350,000 men, comprising two armies—the Fifth and Tenth—were sent to Libya, as well as 1,900 guns of all calibres and the most recent type, more than 15,300 machine-guns, 11 million artillery shells, more than a thousand million rounds of ammunition for automatic weapons, 24,000 tons of clothing and 759 armoured cars.

"The figures show that careful preparations were made. The soldiers who are fighting in the Empire without hope of reinforcements are those who are furthest away but nearest our hearts."

Sharper Hatred

Mussolini added: "We do not lie like the hypocritical British. We resisted strongly, sometimes furiously.

"We shall always tell the truth and we shall repudiate every falsehood.

"The events of the past months have only sharpened our hatred."

REFERRING TO GREECE AS "THE LAST BRITISH RAMPART IN THE BALKANS," MUSSOLINI SAID GREECE WOULD NOT RENOUNCE THE BRITISH GUARANTEE.

It was necessary to face up to her and on this point there was absolute agreement in all responsible military quarters.

If Winter's Here

Mussolini described Italian soldiers in Albania as "superb, writing pages of legendary glory."

He declared Greek losses were very high and said Spring would come soon and with it the Italians' turn.

He declared British losses were also heavy and ridiculed the statement that the British lost only 2,000 men.

HE ADDED: "SINCE TARANTO, THE COURSE OF THE WAR HAS BEEN UNFAVOURABLE TO US BUT OUR STRENGTH OF RECOVERY IS TREMENDOUS.

With Germany

"It is the last battle that counts. The victory of the Axis is absolutely sure. Whatever happens Italy will march with Germany to the end."

Mussolini declared that collaboration between the Italian and German armies was based on comradeship and cordiality.

"The Germans know Italy is supporting the weight of two million soldiers and an enormous air force and artillery.

"The attitude of the German soldiers in Sicily and Libya is absolutely perfect and worthy of a great army and a great people."

The war strength of Germany was not diminished but increased. Her losses in men and material had been very small.

Il Duce's "Points"

Mussolini made the following points:—

First, the command was in the strong hands of the Fuehrer.

Second, German armaments were infinitely superior to those of Britain.

Third, almost the whole of Eastern Europe was against Britain.

Fourth, unlike the war of 1914/18, the British blockade was valueless.

Fifth, the morale of the Axis people was superior to that of the British.

"The Axis is fighting for victory. Britain is fighting for survival.

"It is foolish to talk of a separate peace. It is impossible to weaken the morale of the Italian people, despite the bombing of towns."

Sixth, Britain was alone and was calling for urgent help from America but this help must arrive in such quantity that it surpasses German strength.

Seventh, when Britain is conquered the war will be finished.

Italy's Role

Eighth, Italy is playing a major role. Her armaments are increasing daily, thanks to the sacrifices of workers.

Ninth, Italy is proud of having dared to try her strength against Britain. "Peoples become great when they have the courage to take risks."

Tenth, to conquer the Axis British armies must invade the Continent—"a step which no Briton would ever dream of."

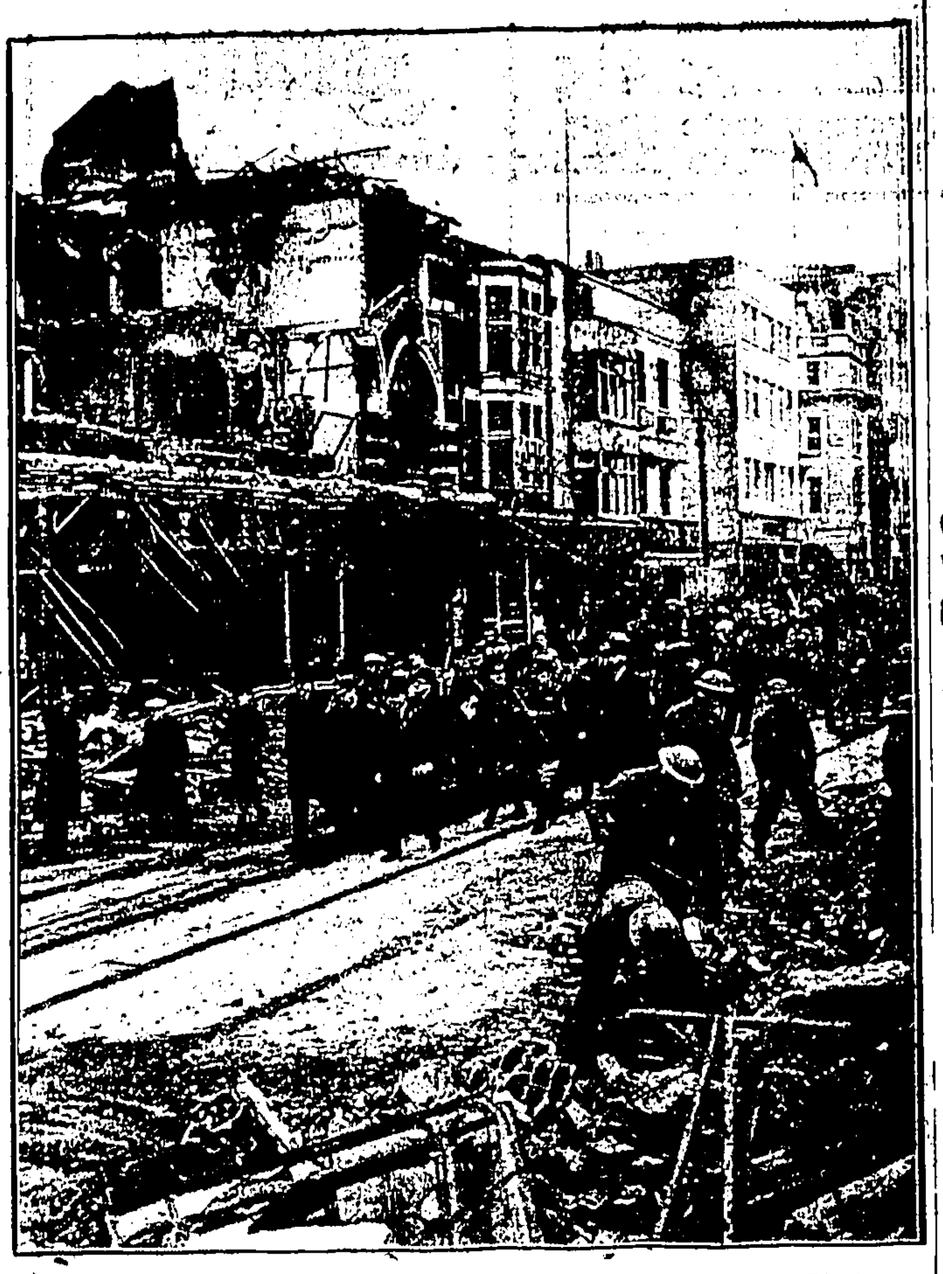
Mussolini declared: "The intervention of the United States is founded on the illusion of being a Democracy, also on lies of an attack by the Axis on America.

"The idea of an invasion of America is fantastic and ridiculous."

Deserve Victory

Il Duce concluded by declaring that the Fascist Italian people deserve victory and would have it, for they were bearing with exemplary dignity the sacrifices asked of them.

"Italy's will be the victory and peace with justice," he declared.—Reuter.



The King touring air raid damage in Southampton. Photo shows the King, accompanied by Mr. Herbert Morrison, walking through one of the damaged streets while soldiers are still busy in clearing up operations.

SEVENTH DAY OF SENATE DEBATE

THE UNITED STATES SENATE to-day begins the seventh day of its debate on the Lease and Lend Bill for aiding Britain, and there is every likelihood that the Senate will pass the measure at the latest by the end of the week.

There are indications in Washington that Administration leaders are preparing for quick action after the Bill has received final congressional approval

It is reported that appropriations and requests were discussed at the recent meeting of the Secretaries of War, Navy and Agriculture.

A statement made yesterday by Senator George, Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, indicates that the Administration may accept further amendments to the Bill.

Senator George stated that the majority members of the Committee are meeting this week to discuss three or four amendments — Reuter.

THAI MISSION TO MOSCOW

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A message from Bangkok states that the Thai Minister for Economic Affairs has arrived in Moscow in order to establish normal diplomatic and trade relations with Soviet Russia.—International News Service.

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Il Duce On The Defensive: Rests On Hitler's Power

WHILE OFFICIAL London comment on Mussolini's speech is unavailable the defensive character of the address is regarded as noteworthy in authoritative quarters.

The statement that Italy has been at war since 1935 or 1922 is, it is pointed out, clearly designed to counter criticism against the Duce and the Fascists that they led the country needlessly into war in June, 1940.

The Duce held out no prospect that Italy's position would improve by her own efforts but hope was pinned on German assistance and strength

The Duce admitted there is no hope of reinforcing Italian East Africa and acknowledged the immense industrial potential of the United States.

As regards Mussolini's claim that heavy losses were inflicted on the British in the first four months of Italy's war, the facts are that during that period Italy lost 278 'planes beside 87 believed destroyed, while Britain lost 35 only.

Italy lost the cruiser "Bartolemeo Colleoni," five destroyers and 21 submarines, while Britain lost the light cruiser "Calypso" and a total of 10 destroyers and submarines, of both of which a great part were most likely lost through German action rather than in the Mediterranean.

Military Necessity

It is noted in London that Mussolini is now trying to justify the Greek war as an unfortunate military necessity, indicating the degree of disquiet the Greek disasters have caused Italy, and the currency of reports of a division of opinion between him and the army.—Reuter.

JAPANESE ADVICE TO BRITAIN

Britain and the United States are urged by the "Miyako Shimbun," influential Tokyo daily, to "lend an ear" to the statements made by the Japanese Foreign Minister in his press interview on Friday.

Britain and the United States are counselled to "refrain from taking any dangerous steps based on a misunderstanding or misapprehension."—Reuter.

KULTUR ARRIVES IN MIDDLE EAST

The standard of conduct exhibited by the enemy in warfare in the Mediterranean area has undergone a marked change since it became necessary for the Germans to render assistance to Italy.

On two occasions recently, states an Admiralty communique, the hospital ship Dorsetshire has been attacked by German aircraft. Fortunately the ship was not hit on either occasion.

Dorsetshire is clearly marked as a hospital ship, the identity of which has been made known to the enemy in accordance with the requirements of international law.

Malta was subject to enemy air attack on many occasions during the first seven months of the war against Italy but in no raid were deliberate attacks made upon hospitals.

Since the appearance of German aircraft in the central Mediterranean the Imtarfa Hospital at Malta has been deliberately attacked.

It will be remembered that on January 31 a merchant ship evacuating Italian prisoners of war from the Libyan coast was attacked by two enemy aircraft, believed to be German. The attack resulted in a large number of casualties among the Italian prisoners and many were fatal.

Benghazi Bombings

When the British Army of the Nile captured Benghazi the Italians announced they had surrendered the town in order avoid the possibility of damage to private property and loss of life among the civilian population, among which were a large number of Italians.

Benghazi has since been subjected to recurrent indiscriminate air attacks carried out by German aircraft. The attacks have caused loss of life among the civilian population and damage to private property in residential quarters.—British Wireless.

R.A.F. DON'T SHOOT 'EM DOWN!

R.A.F. Fighter pilots don't shoot down Germany's latest oneman bombers — they "disintegrate" them.

When their losses became too heavy, the Luftwaffe had to give up using great formations of Heinkels, Dorniers and Junkers.

But these 'planes can do little damage, says the Air Ministry News Service, and the Fighter Command have been bagging them steadily.

When the R.A.F. bring eight Browning guns within range of the enemy, "disintegration" is the word most commonly used to describe the result.

Here are comments by some pilots who have each brought down a Messerschmidt 109.

"I gave it a seven-second burst. No other action was necessary, as it disintegrated and fell in hundreds of pieces."

"The Messerschmidt disintegrated. The petrol tank was alight, and pieces were falling off."

"When at point-blank range, I let him have all my ammunition, everything poured out and bits flew off.

"Bits fell out and bits flew off."

"Pieces were flying off in all directions;" "the left wing fell off," and "a large piece broke from the Messerschmidt," were three other phrases used by fighter pilots who helped to "break up" the new Nazi fighter-bombers.

8TH ROUTE ARMY ANXIETY

Whether the Communist Army will obey orders in future is considerably pre-occupying official minds in Chungking.

Following the recent disbanding of the New Fourth (Communist) Army it was thought that the differences between the Kuomintang and the Chinese Communist Party might be settled amicably through frank discussion at the forthcoming meeting of the National People's Political Council created by the Government in 1938 for the purpose of enabling all the various political groups to consult together.

It is hoped the Communist leaders will attend the meeting and not withdraw their cooperation from the common effort.

The Kwangtung Provincial Council has appealed by telegram to the commanders of the Communist Army to "obey orders."—Reuter.

HOUSING BRUM'S HOMELESS

Birmingham A.R.F. committee houses in surrounding districts to are taking over a thousand empty accommodate people made homeless in the big air raids on the city.

The meet food problems communal feeding centres and kitchens are being opened in the city and on a municipal housing estate.

Fifty schools where there are cooking centres are also being taken over.

Says Councillor Norman Tipstaff: "Neither vested interests nor the convenience of private individuals will stand in the way of the A.R.F. Committee's plans.

"Two hundred hostels are also being opened.

"The feeding centres are not only for air-raid victims. They are also to assist the ordinary citizen."

The Lord Mayor has issued an urgent appeal asking victims to try to find accommodation with peals to Salvation Army officers, friends or heighbours. He also appschool teachers and public officials to volunteer aid.

Many of the homeless are at present sleeping in caravans, tents and in cars on countryside roads. They return to the city each morning.

The homes of both rich and poor have been open to them. They find hospitality everywhere. Last night in a country public-house several families slept on the kitchen floor.

Japanese Accusing Admiral Decoux

Allegations regarding "warlike preparations" on the part of the French in Indo-China are made in a semi-official Japanese report from Hanoi citing an order which Admiral Decoux is alleged to have given to all prefects in the province of Tonkin.

The order is said to be to "prepare against all possible emergencies in view of approaching danger, to order all able-bodied youths to stand by for possible mobilisation in civil defence and to report on stocks of foodstuffs and agricultural products on hand."—Reuter.

SCHOOLBOYS IN NAZI GAOL

Severe terms of imprisonment have been passed on the leaders of a group of six Dutch schoolboys charged with committing acts of sabotage against the German forces of occupation, Reuter learns in Dutch circles in London.

The boys, who attended a secondary school at Haarlem, were tried by court martial. One was sentenced to 18 months' imprisonment and two others to 15 months.

Faced Death

It was alleged that they had tried to damage or destroy electric cables and other property belonging to the German forces. The boys were also accused of forming an organisation directed against the Dutch Nazi Party.

"They were not condemned to death on account of their youth," the "Deutsche Zeitung in den Niederlanden" states.

LOSSES IN THE AIR

THIRTEEN GERMAN AEROPLANES WERE LOST OVER BRITAIN BETWEEN FEB. 16 AND 22, INCLUSIVE, AND IN THE SAME PERIOD BRITISH LOSSES WERE NIL.

Daily figures were:—

	German	British
Feb. 16	4	—
Feb. 17	6	—
Feb. 21	1	—
Feb. 22	2	—

The British lost seven 'planes over Germany in the same period.

In the Middle East, between Feb. 16 and Feb. 22, the Germans lost five 'planes, the Italians 20 and the British six. Two further German 'planes were brought down by the Royal Navy.—Reuter.

LOSS OF NAVAL TRAWLER

A Reuter cable from London quotes an Admiralty announcement of the loss of the trawler Ormonde.

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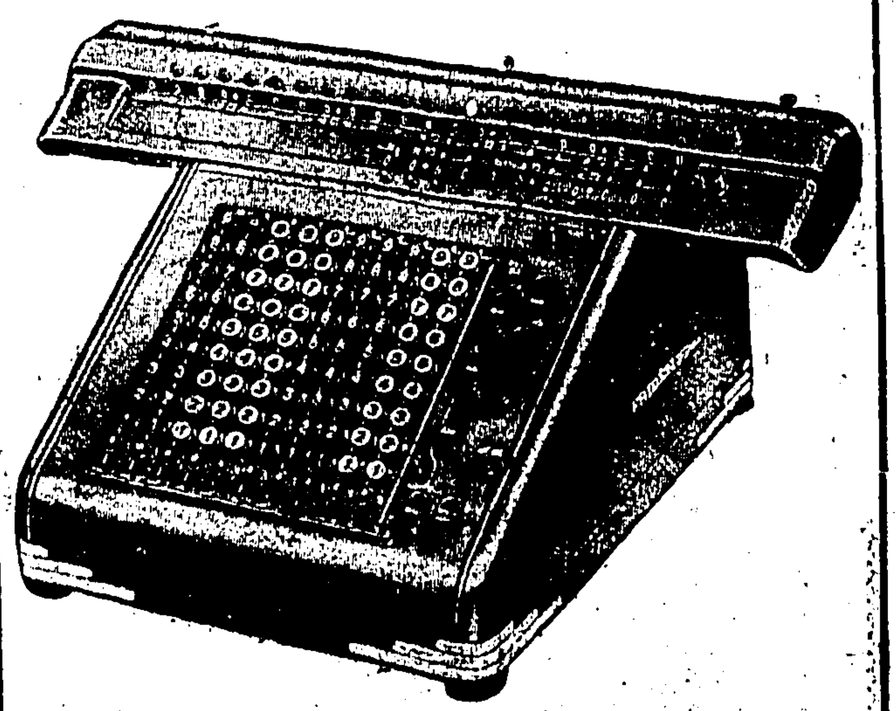

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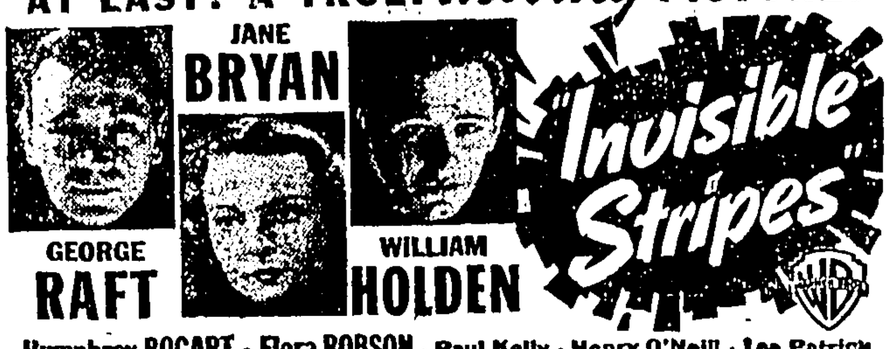

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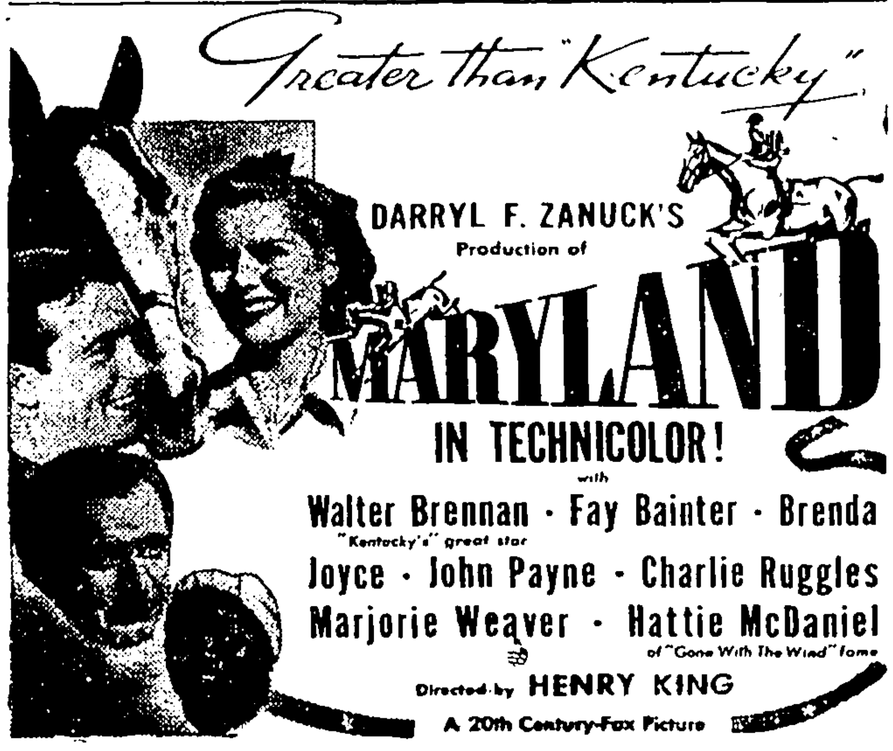

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BRITAIN'S NEW AIR POWER QUEST: PLENTY OF RESERVES

BRITAIN'S GROWING air strength was stressed by Lord Beaverbrook, Minister of Aircraft Production, broadcasting to Canada from London yesterday.

Lord Beaverbrook stated: "The strength of our reserves no longer occupies our attention. We give our thoughts rather to new types, to longer flights, to more striking power, to greater altitude and to swifter pursuit."

After appealing to Canadians to assist in keeping open the north-western approaches to Britain, Lord Beaverbrook said the price of invasion might be heavy and it was not expected that payment in full for such an adventure would be made on this side of the Channel.

No matter what happened never need Anglo-Saxons hang their heads in shame when they were told the story of Britain's battle for freedom.

Canadians would say for countless generations that they were descended from English stock that fought so valiantly.

It was a glory to be allowed to march in the great crusade for freedom under the leadership of Mr. Churchill.—Reuter.

Then — And Now

The contribution which Canada could make to the Imperial war effort during the coming months of trial was outlined by Lord Beaverbrook, who began by summarising what Britain had so far achieved.

"When the Churchill Government came to power," he said, "the people of Britain feared the effects of air raids. Now they defy them.

"Then they threw up temporary and trivial defences against invasion. Now they look from long and powerful battlements fortified with steel and cement.

"Then they lost all the equipment of their army in the disaster of the French battle. Now they have a great store of arms of every description.

"Then they had no military success on land to sustain the spirit of the nation. Now they can rejoice in a brilliant series of victories."

Canada's Part

Dealing with the part Canada could play Lord Beaverbrook stressed Britain's danger in the north-western approaches.

"There is no doubt," he said, "that the enemy intends to attack us in our ocean pathways. We shall be subjected to constant raids on our shipping.

"There will be ceaseless attacks under and over the seas. The battle will be long and bloody. The toll of tonnage will be heavy too. And it is here that Canada can bring relief to the beleaguered citadel.

"You look to the route directly from the river and harbours of Canada through the northern passages. You look down that pathway to the harbours of Britain.

"Your Charge"

"And you can make good the north-west approaches. That can be your charge.

"Help, then, to supply cargoes. Help to send food and weapons of war. Help to furnish crews.

"Devote your labours to providing the armour of battle. Gather together every kind of transport by sea which will enable us to continue the defence of this island.

"Seek the whole world over for ships. Make our sea-paths safe during the Battle of Britain."—British Wireless.

PRIMATE URGES NO REPRISALS

The Archbishop of Canterbury declared recently that reprisals for the bombing of British civilians would drag down the level of our cause and "irretrievably stain" the honour of the Government.

Presiding at the Canterbury diocesan conference, he said that indignation aroused by the callous bombing of civilians was already demanding reprisals.

It was doubtless a very natural instinct. It could be defended by many plausible arguments.

But, in truth, it would drag down the level of our cause. It was one thing to accept, as we must, that in the legitimate pursuit of military objectives some civilians were bound to suffer.

Bombed From Palace

The Archbishop said that recently some 200 of the poorest folk of Lambeth had taken shelter in the old crypt below the chapel at Lambeth Palace.

"I only wish," he said, "that Hitler and Goering could see in the astonishing patience, good humour and even cheerfulness of these people the futility of their aims."

His own sympathy with the thousands who had lost their homes was the more real because he had been bombed out of his own home at Lambeth, although the historic parts of it had so far been spared.

MOLOTOV SPEECH TO-MORROW

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

The Soviet Commissar of Foreign Affairs, M. Molotov, is expected to deliver a speech in Moscow to the Soviet Congress tomorrow (Tuesday) to define the Soviet attitude towards Japan's overtures for a non-aggression pact and the situation in Bulgaria.—International News Agency.

RUSSIA DENIES ANY PART IN PACT

The official Tass Agency in Moscow is authorised to deny that Russia had anything to do with the signing of the Turco-Bulgarian pact, as reported by a Swiss newspaper, says a Reuter cable from Moscow this morning.

CHESS ACROSS ATLANTIC

Two doctors, one in Nottingham and the other in the U.S.A., have been playing a game of chess by post for four years.

From the start Dr. H. F. Weber, a Professor of Philosophy at one of the American universities, has been in difficulties against Dr. W. B. Blandy, of Nottingham.

Dr. Blandy can now mate in two moves, but the American refuses to resign.

"Three weeks per move was about the average in peace time," Dr. Blandy said. "But since the outbreak of war it has been more like six or seven weeks.

"Latterly all our letters have been censored, and on one ocasion Dr. Weber wondered if a move 'B—KR3' would be passed. He thought the censor might possibly road into it, 'Bomb on King's Road.'"

Dr. Blandy has just made his forty-fifth move and his opponent is in check.

FIRE AT RUSSIAN CLUB

The fire brigade was summoned to the Russian Club at No. 1, Carnarvon Road at 4.40 a.m. yesterday, to extinguish a fire in the sitting room. Damage was caused to furniture.

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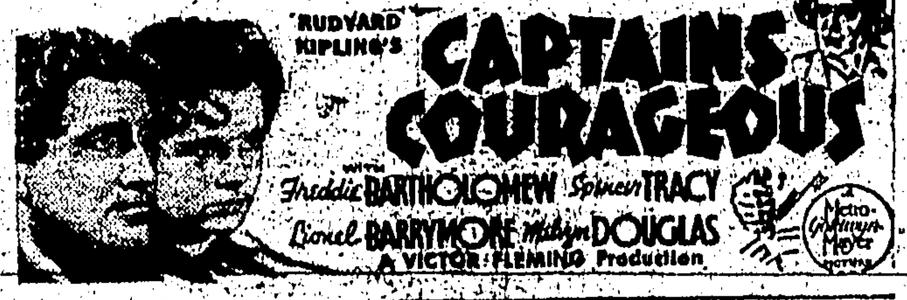

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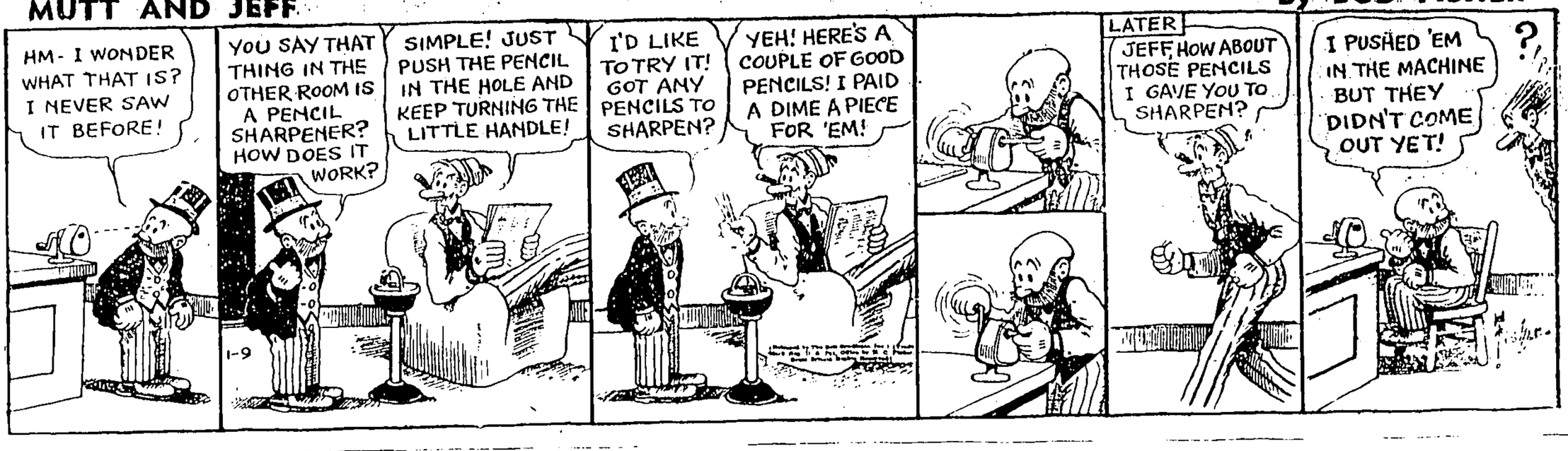

GERMAN PROFITEERS GROWING

THE SCHWARZE KORPS, THE ORGAN OF THE NAZI PARTY, COMPLAINS BITTERLY THAT "IN SPITE OF ALL THE EFFORTS OF THE PARTY TO UNITE ALL GERMANS IN ONE FAMILY, ALL THE NEWSPAPERS REVEAL DAILY INCREASING CONVICTIONS AGAINST PROFITEERS AND SHOPKEEPERS."

It had already become necessary to issue an order fixing the price of pins, and now the authorities have been compelled to fix prices for flowers as tradesmen were profiteering to the extent of fifty per cent.

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THE SHEPHERD TELLS OF VISION IN SKY

(By A Special Correspondent)

OLD FRED FOWLER, sixty-six, lifted his weather-beaten face skywards and pointed west way above the highest peak of the Sussex downs.

"It be there when I see it," he said. "There in the clear blue sky. A vision they calls it — it was the like of something which I never see before."

Then he said reverently, "It be Christ I see."

Fred, who is a shepherd, lives in the village of Firle, near Lewes, Sussex.

Fred told me the strange story himself I joined him in his shelter of bracken on the down. The biting wind blew round us. His two dogs, Bob and Watch, guarded his 250 sheep.

"I never be one to see things," said Fred. "I am alone too much for that. I just have me two dogs me sheep and me missus way back at the cottage, and I goes to church on a Sunday.

"That's all I sees or knows of life; that's all I really want to see or know.

"I'd just rounded up the flock that morning—it be about eleven. I says to meself it's a nice clear day, and I looks up west at the sky.

"Then I sees it.

"It Be More Real"

"It be like what they tells me the cinema is like, but I thinks it be more real. There came a kind of panel across the sky.

"Inside the panel of white there was a cross, with Christ, his head to one side, nailed on to it.

"Round him were six angels. I counted 'em, and they wore white cloudy robes to the feet. I know it was to the feet because I even saw their feet. I even saw their toes.

"When I got to the village I knew what I had seen was really there. There were other people who had seen it, too.

"But mine's a simple life—I've just got my two dogs, my sheep and my missus and I go to church of a Sunday.

"I forgot," he smiled. "There's my pint I always have of a night.

"Sometimes though, if I think of it all now, the vision I mean, I wonders whether it really was Christ come to help put our world straight again."

Old Fred walked away into the distance with his sheep and dogs. He has never been to the cinema or even out of Sussex.

I watched him pass into the distance and I almost envied Fred.

Back in the village I confirmed his story.

There were two sisters, widows, evacuated from London, Mrs. Grace Evans and Mrs. E. M. Steer, who had seen the vision, and also a neighbour, Mrs. Stevens.

"Actually, we must have seen it a second or so before the shepherd did," Mrs. Evans told me. "Because when I first looked into the sky it was clear blue. Gradually I saw the panel of kind of white cloud appear.

"I called my sister because it looked so pretty, then all at once we saw the crucifix and Christ. I saw every detail, to the nails in his crossed feet and angels rose around him.

Held A Harp

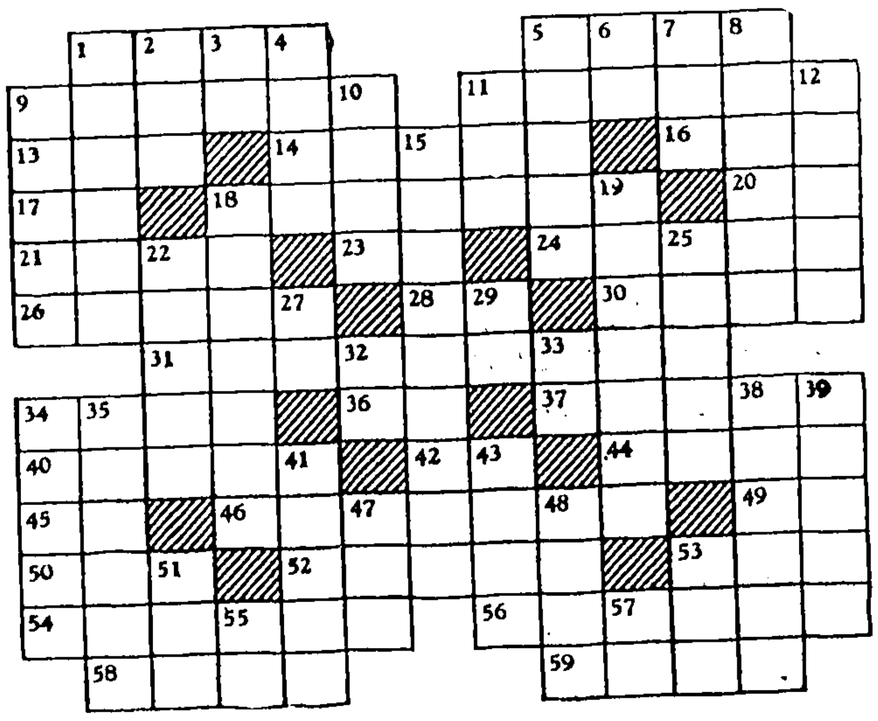
"One held a harp, another an old-fashioned pitcher with two handles. It was as clear as a picture, and then, when I had got over my surprise, I called my neighbour to see the wonderful sight.

"Yes," said Mrs. Steer, "it was so real it almost frightened me. I am not one to imagine things, and I used to smile at the story about the Angels of Mons—I always thought the soldiers who saw them imagined things, but now I can believe it."

I called to see the vicar, the Rev. A. G. Gregor.

"I saw nothing," he said, "and I think the whole thing is nonsense."

OUR 10-MINUTE CROSS-WORD



HORIZONTAL
1 To box
5 To heal
9 Moorish drum
11 Pertaining to a European mountain range
13 To attempt
14 Law: intervening
16 Girl's name
17 Note of scale
18 Large canine
20 Exists
21 Japanese aborigine
23 Symbol for tantalum
24 To sample
26 Shop
28 To depart
30 To require
31 Impending evil
34 Blind cetacean
36 Sun god
37 Sea-duck
40 States
42 Symbol for sodium
44 Serf
45 Symbol for copper
46 Ghost
49 Earth goddess
50 Wing
52 Lustrous textile fibre
53 Hebrew letter
54 Arc
56 Thick broth (var.)
58 Torn
59 Was clothed in

VERTICAL
1 Narrow passage
2 To settle
3 Hebrew month
4 Hindu religious hero
5 Fissure
6 Above
7 Inlet
8 Appendage of a branchiopod
9 Book of maps
10 For fear that
11 Tropical bird
12 Made comfortable
15 Sluggishness
18 Speaks in an undertone
19 Amateur
22 Din
25 Sows
27 Printer's measure
29 Periodic windstorm
32 Symbol for iridium
33 Compass point
34 Father of Ahlan
35 Pertaining to a portion of the soft palate
38 To join
39 Old English bailiff
41 Herring-like fish
43 On top of
47 To bring forth
48 Poetic! enough
51 Fruit drink
53 Sailor
55 Preposition
57 Toward

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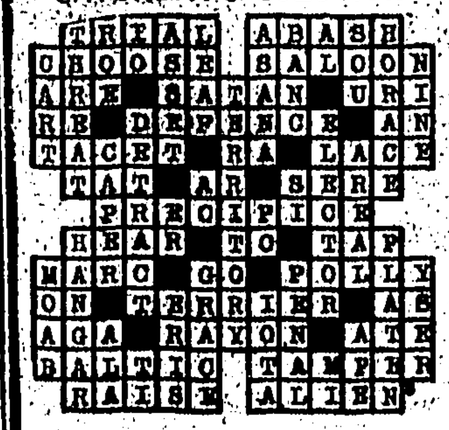

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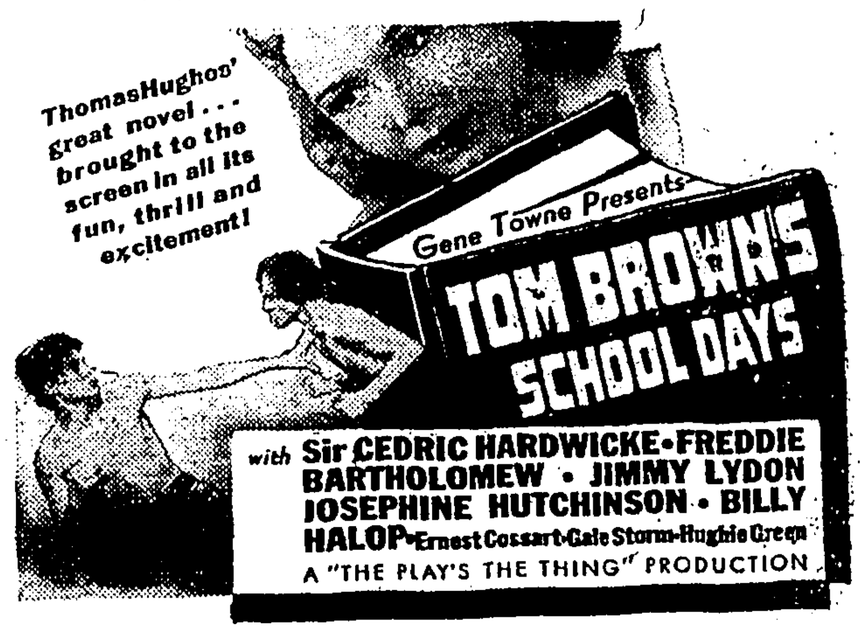

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VIVID STORY OF ARK ROYAL IN ACTION

(From A Special Correspondent)

WE ARE STEAMING BACK TO HARBOUR AFTER HAVING DWELT ANOTHER HEAVY BLOW TO THE ITALIAN FLEET WHICH HAS ROUNDED OFF A BLACK MONTH FOR MUSSOLINI.

One fighter aircraft missing and two shell hits on the cruiser Berwick are our sole casualties in return for one Italian battleship and one cruiser torpedoed, a second enemy cruiser set on fire by shelling, a third cruiser probably damaged in her engine-room by our dive-bombing, two destroyers left in a sinking condition, and two Italian aeroplanes shot down.

Some of the ships which fought beside us heard the results of the battle no sooner than the people in England. They only knew what happened in their own section of the fight. But we in the Ark Royal, with our aircraft as our eyes, followed the course of the battle minute by minute from its start soon after breakfast on Wednesday, when one of our fighters met and shot down in flames an Italian "spotter" aircraft which was shadowing us while another of our reconnaissance aeroplanes warned us that strong units of the enemy Fleet, apparently unaware of our presence, were steaming off South Sardinia.

Five Miles From Coast

The battle was only broken off at dusk, by which time the leaders of the Italian Fleet were being torpedoed and attacked by our pilots within five miles of their own coastline as they raced at full speed to their harbour, leaving those ships which we had damaged to fend for themselves with the darkness as their sole protection.

All day long our observers, some of them veterans of the Norwegian campaign, the Graf Spee hunt, and other offensive actions, were sending back reports to Admiral Somerville, Flag Officer in the Renown, which had a vital bearing on the rapidly changing course of the battle.

When it was all over Admiral Somerville sent them his thanks:—

"I have now had an opportunity to study your reports (he said), and I wish to congratulate you and your ship's company on the magnificent and resolute way in which you carried out your reconnaissance duties. As for the bombing, it was an inspiring sight to see the Ark Royal emerge from a complete curtain of water with every gun blazing efficiently. I am proud of you."

The aeroplane which first sighted the Italian Fleet reported that we were out-numbered. But battle ensigns were hoisted to our masts, and with every man at action stations we steamed into the fight. The Italians had no time to turn for home before battle was joined. The Renown and supporting ships took on their two battleships and a screen of many enemy cruisers and destroyers.

Explosion On Cruiser

Our aircraft, dodging in the clouds above the enemy fleet, saw a huge shell burst around one cruiser, followed by an internal explosion. A destroyer of the Grecale class was down by the stern and listing to port; she was seen to have stopped 10 miles away, and a second destroyer, also listing and leaking oil, was reported to have stopped 60 miles away.

Meanwhile a strong striking force from the Ark Royal had taken off, armed with torpedoes. The target was the battleships now leading the Italian fleet in full flight towards Sardinia. They saw the battleships with a screen of destroyers and with three cruisers, also screened with destroyers, in the rear. The only method of driving home the attack was to fly over the decks of the destroyers and to drop torpedoes within the circle of the shielded battleships. They sped down from the sun. At the rear, the enemy cruisers, still firing against our distant Fleet, sighted our aeroplanes before the battleships did and gave warning by directing their A.A. fire against them, although beyond effective range. Then the battleships and destroyers opened fire with every short-range gun they possessed.

Every one of our aircraft pierced the barrage, skimming over the surface of the water to release their torpedoes. Then they swung away, spraying the bridge and decks of the ships with machine-gun fire.

Fights In The Air

Italian bombers first raided us after lunch. Two of our fighters tackled the nine escorting fighters and fought them until their ammunition was exhausted. One British officer alone attacked 10 Savoia bombers.

A second torpedoing force, now heading for home, sent the message: "We attacked three cruisers 10 miles astern of the battleships and are sure that one was hit." A torpedo hit one of the cruisers and exploded amidships. This was followed by a gust of black smoke from the cruiser, which turned completely round.

Soon our Skuas returned, having encountered an enemy aeroplane on their way home and shot it down in flames.

TROOPS WERE USING NAIL VARNISH

Girls of a London suburb were alarmed when chemists reported a heavy run on their favourite brands of colourless nail varnish.

Soldiers billeted in the district were buying up supplies. They returned with dozen of their pals to buy more.

"What do you boys do with it?" asked one chemist.

"Well, you see," was the reply, "if we clean our badges, buttons and other brass bits they only stay clean for a day. But if we clean them and then put on colourless nail varnish they stay clean for a fortnight!"

NEVER JOINED REGIMENT

When Peter Paul Masterson, twenty-one, of Headstone-gardens, North Harrow, Middlesex, was charged at Hendon with being an absentee from a regiment, it was stated that he had failed to report for military service.

A police constable said that when Masterson was asked why he did not report, he said: "I do not intend to go into the Army I want to go into the R.A.F."

He was remanded on bail.

12 HURT IN BUS CRASH

Twelve people were taken to hospital at Brighton after three motor-buses had been in collision. Two of them collided head-on.

SEWED £1,600 IN THEIR CLOTHES--GAOLED

MADAME JEANNE KAUFFMAN and her niece, Mademoiselle Rachel Paulette Kauffman, sewed money, bonds and securities into their fur coats, into their scarves, into their corsets — and tucked more into their hair when they tried to board a ship bound for America.

But they were caught, and after a hearing at Manchester Assizes during which the younger woman pretended to be hysterical ("trying to impose on me," said Mr. Justice Stable), they were sentenced to nine months in jail, in the second division.

This is the story of Madame Kauffman and Mademoiselle Kauffman.

Madame—is the sixty-eight-year-old ex-wife of a man connected with a famous French banking firm.

They were divorced thirty years ago, and she had a comfortable home in Paris—until last June.

She gave French lessons to English visitors, and when the Germans were entering Paris she fled to the coast, boarded a ship at St. Jean de Luz, with many other refugees.

Mademoiselle—is twenty-nine years old, and she used to give music lessons in her aunt's Paris home.

When she tried to appear hysterical in the dock the judge called a prison doctor, who said, "She is excitable, but she can behave if she pleases."

Both women—decided to go to America through Liverpool, and they told the police they could not afford to pay for lodging.

They applied for assist ance to public assistance officials—and then they stayed at an hotel.

Into their clothes they had sewn what Mr. A. Wool, prosecuting, called "a positive arsenal of hidden treasure."

Altogether they hid £1,462 worth of securities and foreign money valued at £227.

And then they told officials at Liverpool landing stage, "Oh, no, we have no money or securities."

The officials made a search.

Out of the lining of coats came guilders and francs. From their corsets came gold dollars, bonds and securities; money was pulled from their scarves, and more tricked from their hair when women officials examined it.

The judge—heard Mr. R. Baker, defending, urge that the women had sewn the coins in their clothes before they left France, but he said it was quite idle to say it was not a deliberate attempt to get money out of the country.

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THE TIME FOR WINNING

Hitler's spoken threats by this time cannot add greatly to the world's fears, but his promises to the German people are so concentrated upon 1941 that he faces himself the major challenge of Now or Never.

Hitler has set his own goal, and the time is near when he must deliver This fast-approaching crisis is not only a deadly stress, one of the most appalling that men and women have been called to bear in all history, but it brings with it a flaming hope. If Britain holds him off, Hitler will have suffered disaster on the most bitter and undeniable scale.

Although Berlin was aflutter last summer with gay speculations whether England would fall in July or August, Hitler himself was too cagey to commit himself to a timetable. In June, right after Dunkirk, he merely promised "destruction," without dates, of the enemy in London and Paris.

On September 4 he reassured his people: "When the British say: 'He doesn't come,' my answer is: 'Keep your shirts on — he is coming.'"

His New Year's greetings to the army promised: "The year 1941 will bring consummation of the greatest victory in our history."

His anniversary speech this month predicted: "The year 1941 will be a historic year for the new European Order." He spoke of "definite bases," and "when the time comes we will launch a decisive blow. These gentlemen will realise in this historic year that we used time well." He saw 1941 as the year in which his armies "will wrest victory."

Seizure of England and ending of the war are Hitler's pledges under the contract, to be delivered this year. His victory cannot be deferred. Not to occupy and destroy the power of England, even to the eyes of the propaganda-saturated Nazi zealots, would be a failure beside which Italy's debacle would look almost like winning.

And so Hitler must throw into this boasted effort all the strength he has. His 'planes must blacken the sky, all of them. Millions of his soldiers must push into the moat of the channel, spending lives without count in order to buy success. Hitler must win, and if the assault fails, he has been defeated. No excuses! Time, after that, runs swiftly against him, and the spirit of his followers may drop to 1918 levels.

It is a desperate chance on which the world's freedom depends — this decision whether Britain now can defend her island against the gamble of 1941's Genghis Khan, who must sweep onward or perish.

It is inescapable. And it is not hopeless. The hope of the world is backed by a courage which has accomplished miracles already. Grant survival to Britain in the months just ahead, and the long lane of Hitler's conquest has reached its turning.

A Trip To Kabul

By W. Rees Harriss, M. I. J. Lond

The few travellers that from time to time make their way into Afghanistan, generally go by way of the Khyber Pass, and it was by this famous Pass that I went up to Kabul to join the staff there of the first British Embassy to Afghanistan.

Detraining at Peshawar, the railhead of the North Western Indian Railway, and the most northerly British military cantonment station in the North-West Frontier Province of India, I proceeded by motor car onwards at two o'clock in the afternoon.

For Jamrud, which guards the Indian side of the Khyber Pass, ten miles distant from Peshawar, was soon reached, and entering the Pass, followed a narrow, zigzag track, running between bleak rocks and overhanging crags.

On all sides there were signs of the ceaseless watch kept in this key to India, both to protect the Pass, and to prevent the fierce Pathan tribes that dwell in the adjoining mountains, from sweeping down on a marauding expedition into the fertile plains below.

There was but little movement, though each ridge was dotted with picquets of soldiers, and on all commanding positions could be seen forts and blockhouses cutting into the skyline.

Guardians Of Khyber Pass

Overhead, along the line of the track, ran the tireless aerial ropeway, used for transporting material for the Khyber Railway, and also to convey food and stores to the troops watching in the farther outposts.

The present guardians of the Khyber Pass, called Khassadars, consist of an irregular force of Afridis, raised on the tribal system, the maliks (chiefs) of each tribe furnishing reliable quotas of men for this purpose.

Before the British occupation of the Khyber, the several tribes that occupied this region levied tolls on all passengers and caravans passing through their respective sections, on an average each five miles of the Pass representing a kind of independent kingdom, with fiscal autonomy.

Pass Now Quite Safe

Finally, these tribes were given an anuual subsidy equal to the amount of their yearly revenue from the tolls. At present the body of Khassadars enrolled to protect the pass, are collectively responsible for the safety of the Pass itself, and fifty yards on each side of it. The frequent blood-feuds between the various hill tribes, are not allowed to be fought out is this area. Violence and sniping have now become extremely rare, and the Khyber may at the present time be traversed with greater security than some of the London or Paris thoroughfares — by day, for the man who would venture in the Khyber Pass at night, would court almost certain death. After nightfall, even the Afridis themselves, when belated, avoid the Pass, and reach their villages by devious side paths.

Proceeding on the journey, Fort Ali Masjid was reached at 4.30 p.m. Isolated, on a small ridge above the fort, overlooked by grim and rugged mountains, was a small British cemetery where a few young officers and men, who were killed in action against the Afridis in 1919, are buried.

Panorama Of Wild Scenery

The route from Ali Masjid lay through a narrow gorge, hemmed in on all sides by overhanging rocks. The road was one tortuous, winding course, changing its direction with kaleidoscopic rapidity, and presenting an endless panorama of wild scenery, whose ruggedness and grimness filled one with a feeling of awe. Profound stillness reigned, only broken by the movement of the automobile, which rushed over the narrow, ledge-like road, now taking a sharp turn to the right, then an abrupt turn to the left, now ascending, then descending, while the track left in the rear seemed to resemble narrow streaks, one above the other, on the rocky slopes.

Landi Kotal, ten miles from Ali Majid, was reached at 6 p.m. This is a fort situated in the middle of the Pass in a large circular plain, shut in on all sides by lofty hills, at present garrisoned by English and Gurka troops.

London Street In Wilderness

As I motored into the precincts of the fortress, where I was to spend the night, a team of British soldiers was seen playing football on the plain. The soldiers in this far-flung outpost seemed to know how to make themselves at home. Another evidence of this was forthcoming when a little later on in the evening I took a stroll along the military lines. Looking at a sign post, I observed that I was in "Bond Street." Somewhat further on were "Whitehall," the "Embankment," and to crown all "L'avenue de la Grande Armee," which was given to one of the Gurka lines.

The journey was continued next morning to the frontier over the Nichni Kandao summit, and then down a descent of some 3,000 feet, a precipitous drop down the side of a steep mountain slope, into valleys which alternately broadened and contracted, and so to Landi Khana, the last British outpost, and the Afghan boundary at Torkham, which was reached at noon. A line of white stones separated British and Afghan territory, and a few yards in front of where my motor car came to a dead standstill, as Afghan sentries barred further progress, was a large signboard on which was written in bold characters in English:—"It is absolutely forbidden to cross the border into Afghan territory."

After inspection of passports, the journey was resumed.

I was now in the Independent Kingdom of Afghanistan. There was no sudden change in the landscape. To the right the Mohmand Hills stood out sharp and majestic, with their snow-clad peaks glistening in the midday sun, while to the left was the Safed Koh (White Mountains), overtowering all the hills in the foreground, and forming as far as the eye could see one long, unbroken line of white, save for a patch here and there where the snow had melted and laid bare the mountain side.

Seven miles from Torkham is Dacca, a small village in a wide valley, surrounded by a mud wall, from which the children scampered forth and shouted their salaams as the car sped past. What was particularly noticeable were the features of the young girls, which strikingly resembled the biblical types of the old Israelites, lending colour to the claim of the Afghans to be one of the ten lost tribes of Israel.

Terrific Heat

The caravan stations of Basawal, ten miles from Dacca, and of Balticot, ten miles further on, were successively passed, and Jellaabad, ten miles from the last stage, was reached at 4 p.m. where a halt was to be made for the night at the Bagh-i-Shahi (Garden of the King).

The last stage was over a comparatively wide valley, dominated by the Safed Koh on the left, and the Laghman Ridge on the right. Heavy stretches of sand here and there considerably impeded progress. It is said that in July, under the influence of the terrific heat which prevails, this sand in places becomes so hot that it is possible to cook an egg in it.

Jelalabad, famous for the defence by Sir George Sale in 1839, is situated on the Kabul river, almost midway between the Peshawar valley and Kabul. It has a permanent population of 3,000 souls, which is largely increased in the winter by an influx of tribesmen from the surrounding hills, who come down to enjoy the milder climate.

Beautiful Gardens Passed

Begh-i-Shahi was entered through a beautiful avenue of cypress trees, which led into a spacious garden, in the centre of which were the palace buildings and guest-houses.

These grounds, enclosed by a mud wall about twelve feet high, were beautifully laid out with flowers arranged in ornamental beds, and plots of fruit trees, interspersed with paths tastefully adorned with palms and ferns. Orange trees were conspicuous, and many had fruit ripening on them. There are said to be five hundred trees in the grounds, which were planted in a single day, ten each by fifty of the courtiers of the then Amir, at his order. Marble channels irrigated the grounds, drawing their water from several artificial tanks, in which fountains played.

Fiercert Tribe In Afghanistan

Resuming the journey next morning at 10 o'clock, we proceeded through a narrow valley, over a metalled road, past the walled villages of Bowali, Sultanpore and Fatehabad, each situated ten miles from one another, to Nimlah, where these is a rest-house of the Amir. A short halt was made here. It was quite an idyllic spot. The rest-house was situated in the midst of a charming old garden of the Moghul type, said to have been planted in 1610 by Shah Jehan, father of Aurangzeb, the last Moghul emperor of India, and contains some fine specimens of the chenar tree, several of which are over a hundred years old.

Nimlah is situated in the Khuggani's country, whose inhabitants are reputed to be the wildest and fiercest in the Amir's dominions. When the journey was resumed at 12.30 p.m., I was curious to get a glimpse of the people, but beyond a few children who gambolled and shouted salaams, and a few women who took a coy look at the motor from beneath their burkhas, no one was to be seen. The men folk seemed to be all absent.

The road soon became very much obstructed by camel caravans, which seemed to form continuous streams moving in opposite directions, and the car had continually to slow up, as the camels reared and jumped about in evident distress.

Nearing Jagdallak, the next stop, the road narrowed perceptibly, and steadily ascended a winding track. Range upon range of hills rose up before us, bounded by the Sated Koh on the left, and the majestic Hindu Kush in the right. The temperature fell considerably, and a keen wind sprang up, which penetrated the fur coat I wore.

Round and round the mountain paths the car zigzagged, and at moments it seemed as if we must be shot over the precipice into the gorge below. Thick ice was lying on some of the slopes, while a blinding dust, driven by the wind, considerably impeded progress, as it was difficult to see many steps in advance either man or beast. We frequently ran into the tail end of a caravan before either was aware of the presence of the other. When there would be a shouting and a scampering, the camels in their fright dashing now to one side of the narrow path, seemed for a moment to hang perilously over the ledge, and then in terror scampered to the other side, where their drivers would try to hold their heads towards the mountain slope as we motored by, in imminent risk of the camels backing and pushing us over the precipice.

World's Weirdest Place

Jagdallak, fifty miles from Jelalabad, was reached at 6 o'clock in the evening. Of all weird places in the world, it is difficult to imagine one more weird than this. A single, solitary hill rose up from a narrow valley, on one side if which was the bed of a river, almost dry, except for a few rills coursing erratically over the plain, which uniting a little farther on, disappeared into a narrow gorge. All round this plain rose up bleak and grim hills, devoid of all vegetation, some of them of the most grotesque shapes, cutting off all view of the country beyond. A place of sinister memory, for it was at Jagdallak that the fierce tribes that inhabit this district fell on the disorganised and demoralised British force that had retreated from Kabul in the winter of 1839, and literally exterminated them, only one man out of twelve thousand escaping to tell the news of the most tragic disaster that ever befell British arms.

Nightfall was already approaching, and the dark-gray clouds looked heavy with snow, as the car zigzagged round the steep ascent and finally reached the summit of the hill, which formed a small, quadrangular plateau, flanked by a low balustrade of stone, in the centre of which was a rest-house of the Amir. Here, at an altitude of 7,000 feet, the night was passed, and notwithstanding the huge log fires that burned on the open hearth of my room, the cold and pitiless winds that prevail at this time of the year made rest impossible.

Captivating Scene

Leaving Jagdallak the next morning at 9.30 a.m. we followed a winding path over the mountains, on all the slopes and summits of which lay deep snow. Immediately in front was the Lataband Range, which dominated the scene, and stood out against the horizon as a huge barrier. As we approached nearer, the Half Kotal Pass opened up. Soon a captivating panorama came into view. All around was one vast expanse of white, from which snowclad summits sprang up, forming an undulating series of white pinnicles, which stretched out row upon row until they merged in the horizon beyond. Higher and higher we ascended, until we seemed to have reached the level of the summits around. We were now on the highest point of the pass, Balutok, 8,250 feet above sea-level. From here the descent commenced, and zigzagging down through the narrow, precipitous paths, from where the snow had been cleared and piled against against the mountain side we finally emerged into the Kabul gorge.

Leaving the gorge we entered a wide plain between low-lying hills, and came to Buthak, where there is a small rest-house. After making a brief halt at this place, the journey was continued over a broad plain for about six miles to Baghrami, a shooting-lodge of the Amir, situated on the left bank of the Logar river, five miles from Kabul City, which had been appointed by the Afghan Government as the temporary residence of the British Legation, and which was duly reached at six o'clock in the evening as the setting sun dropped behind the snowy peaks of the mighty Hindu Kush.

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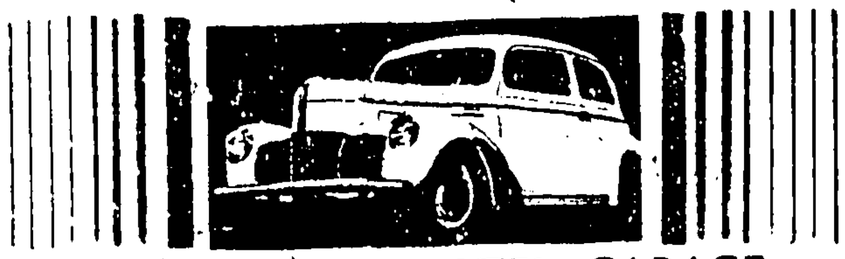

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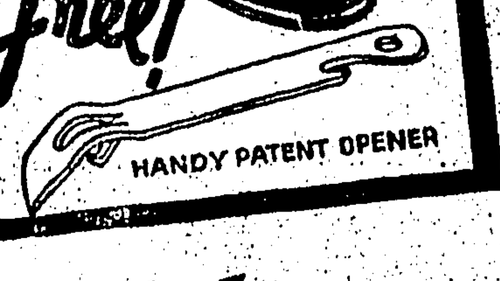

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APB1

DANISH - AMERICAN T ELLS

SECRETS OF NAZI INVASION VESSELS

AN ACCOUNT OF Germany's preparations in Denmark for raiding and invading Britain has been given by a Danish-American who has lived for the past year at Aarnus, on the Kattegat.

Several hundred invasion vessels were fitted out at that port alone last summer. Once he saw work proceeding simultaneously on 39 of these craft.

Originally fishing-boats, they were given a new deck over the entire vessel, leaving only a small hatch. Mounted amidships was an armoured revolving anti-aircraft turret gun, the crew being completely enclosed in steel.

There was accommodation for 42 men. The hull, deck and turret were camouflaged. As fast as they were completed the boats sailed for an unknown destination

Shipbuilding in Aarhus suddenly ceased a few weeks ago, presumably following the smashing of the invasion fleet by the R.A.F. It must have caused a change in German plans.

From this informant come further details of the air activity in Denmark. Soon after the occupation the Germans began to construct a big airfield at Karup on the Island of Jutland.

Airport Abandoned

Something must have upset the Nazi plans. After constant use by bombers during the summer and autumn, the airfield has now been deserted, although construction is still not completed.

Numerous aircraft are still flying over the country, but the informant was unable to ascertain their base. The whole of the western coast of Jutland is a protected area, which the Danes cannot enter or leave without special military permits. These are rarely granted.

The Danes have been forced to work for the Nazis, building ships and constructing airfields. There was much sabotage, especially at Karup, where there was one case in which a bomber's wheels were locked during the take-off.

The 'plane nosed over and airscrews were smashed. Tampering with machines became so frequent that the Germans forbade Danish airfield workers to approach aircraft under penalty of death.

Plundering Of Denmark

Directors of a heavy engineering firm near Aarhus at first refused to work for the Germans. They held out against Nazi pressure for a fortnight but were obliged to yield under the threat that the Germans would take over the works.

Even individual workers are entirely at the mercy of the Nazis. Men have been transported in thousands to Germany. If the refuse to go they do not get unemployment relief. According to figures published in Denmark 20,000 have so far been transported.

German plundering of Denmark is systematic. Every week in-calf crows are sent to Germany to relieve the Reich milk and butter shortage.

NO GUNS, SO CAN'T SLEEP

All-clear insomnia is troubling Londoners. Going to bed instead of the shelter on night when there has been little air activity they have found to their surprise that they could not get to sleep.

Bombs and gunfire hardly disturb these people. Yet they lie awake waiting for the Alert.

"The cause is purely psychological," a London doctor told a reporter. "The same thing happens to people who have lived near a railway line and move to a quieter district.

"The mind has got used to the sound of gunfire, and people, over anxious, find themselves lying awake waiting for it to start on quiet nights."

Quiet nights are too making hundreds of other Londoners late for work.

For weeks they have unconsciously relied on the "raiders passed" signal to wake them in the morning.

It was their alarm clock.

On one morning when the—was no morning "raiders passed" they overslept.

USE FOR CANALS IN HOLLAND

"Growing passive resistance" to the Nazis in Holland was reported by Dr. Alexander Loudon, Dutch Minister in Washington, in a speech at the annual dinner of the Holland Society of New York.

The audience applauded Dr. Loudon with enthusiasm. He could not give details, he said, lest he tell the enemy too much.

Turning to Mr. Henry Ford, who, in accepting the Society's gold medal for "eminence in scientific manufacturing," had recalled that his mother was Dutch, the Minister remarked.

"We are glad we did not accept your advice to replace our canals with automobile roads. Those canals are useful these dark nights—a little thump on the shoulder, and the Germans are in the water."

SWEDES BAN PAPER

The Gothenburg newspaper Morgonposten was confiscated because of a leading article considered likely to cause a misunderstanding with a foreign country, it was announced in Stockholm.

HEROES NOT FOR PAUPER GRAVES

There will be no paupers' graves for the Civil Defence heroes who give their lives in the blitz.

Grants of £7 10s. have now been authorised to be paid to relatives of auxiliary firemen, auxiliary policemen, wardens and others who are killed, or die from injuries received in air raids.

The Government's latest "human touch" is revealed in a circular authorising local authorities to make the grants.

Heartaches

Numerous protests have reached the Government about the treatment meted to widows of men who have lost their lives.

An officer at an East London section said: "The Government would have made the grants ages ago if they had appreciated the heartaches that have been caused.

"In the big fires in the East End at the beginning of the blitz, some of the men who lost their lives had families who were too poor to give them a decent burial.

"If we hadn't had a 'whip round, those fine fellows would have gone to paupers' graves."

SURGEON'S WIFE SLANDERS MATRON: TO PAY £100

A HOSPITAL MATRON was awarded £100 damages and costs against a surgeon's wife for slander, said to have been made in a scene after the wife had looked through a ward window.

Miss Elsie Butterfield, matron of the Ongar and District Cottage Hospital and a state registered nurse, sued Mrs. Dorothy Hackney, of The Auberies, Blackmore, Essex, at the Essex Assizes at Chelmsford.

Mrs. Hackney did not appear. Mr. Justice Singleton, making the award with liberty to apply for an injunction, said:

"As this slander has been repeated in court it ought to be made clear that there has been no suggestion made before me that the words were true in any sense. There is no ground so far as I can see for the slightest reflection upon Miss Butterfield."

Mr. M. Everett, for Mish Butterfield said that Mrs. Hackney's husband, Dr. C. H. Hackney, was surgeon at the Ongar Cottage Hospital.

Apparently Mrs. Hackney was not on particularly good terms with him.

On a night in June, 1939, Dr. Hackney, who had been working extremely hard and was tired, told Miss Butterfield he wanted to rest.

She took him to an empty ward, covered him with a blanket and then went out.

Mrs. Hackney and another woman, had been looking through a window of the ward.

Mrs. Hackney became hysterical.

Miss Butterfield said Mrs. Hackney declared:

"I do not know about my husband being a surgeon. I think he is a Bluebeard. I think he has got his twelve wives.

She also made allegations against her which were quite unfounded.

GREEK SOLDIERS THRIVE ON HARDSHIPS

(From Leland Stowe, Special Correspondent with The Greek Army).

AFTER TEN DAYS of incessant travel, usually by car, sometimes on horseback and occasionally on foot through a few miles of slithering mud, we have visited every war sector from Corfu and the southern sea coast all the way to the shores of Lake Okhrida, nearly 250 miles to the north.

Edmond Stevens, of the "Christian Science Monitor," and I are the only correspondents who have yet traversed this wild, fantastically mountainous Albanian theatre of war from one end to the other.

We have seen Greek troops under all kinds of conditions, and have seen them constantly in motion, for ever pressing forward. This is why it now seems possible to discuss what kind of force this incredible Greek Army really is.

First of all, the Greek soldiers' appearances are entirely deceptive. They are little fellows, not averaging much more than 5ft 5in in height, and most of them look as if their uniforms are one or two sizes too big for them.

At first glance you would think they were a haphazard lot, and to hear their animated chatter one might suspect them almost incapable of a well organised effort.

Efficient Troops

But you would soon discover these nondescript-looking Greek troops extraordinarily efficient. Beneath the surface of seemingly chaotic gestures they get things done and recognise no obstacles.

Finnish soldiers were much more impressive to look at, but these tough, wiry little Greeks possess the same kind of astonishing fortitude, endurance and the will to win. I never expected to see another army which could be favourably compared man for man in these respects with Finland's warriors, but I found one here in Greece.

I have never seen soldiers who actually thrive on war and its hardships as much as these diminutive, effervescent Greeks do. They are the most cheerful fighting troops you can possibly imagine. Wherever we have gone we have met these muddy, dirty, smiling men.

"Macaronis"

After a night of forced marches over killing mountain roads it is a common thing for Greek soldiers to shout and cheer as you pass them. Plugging slowly along through rain on mule-back Greeks will yell "macaronis," and gesticulate eloquently to indicate what they will do to the Italians when they catch up with them. Their gestures are masterpieces of mimicry, and are always accompanied by diabolical but good-natured grins.

Surely this Greek army to-day is just about the highest-spirited army in the world. Regardless of mud, rain and snow, regardless of hundreds of gorges, precipices and snowcovered peaks which must be conquered day after day they march on.

They are iron-muscled, warm-hearted men, these humble, unassuming sons of Greece, and they win your hearts with both their courage and their spontaneity. You understand why their officers speak of them with quiet pride.

The other day we passed a long column of troop plodding through bitter cold and rain. An officer told us they had started marching at six o'clock the previous night, and had continued amid rain and finally snow until five in the morning. In those 11 hours these men covered 30 miles.

18 SAILORS RAISE £90

First action of the crew of eighteen of a Norwegian tramp which berthed at an English port was to "pass the hat round" among themselves as soon as they had drawn their pay, to help to buy Britain a fighter 'plane. They raised £90.

SKUAS GET BIG WOP 'PLANE

WHILE ON PATROL IN THE MEDITERRANEAN A SECTION OF SKUAS SIGHTED A CANA 506B FLOAT-'PLANE.

These Italian 'planes are armed with three heavy machine-guns of half-inch calibre, and are faster than Skua aircraft, which are designed to operate from aircraft-carriers.

The leading aircraft fired a few short bursts in the hope of a lucky hit which might slow down the Italian 'plane. It was extreme range, and the Skua aimed high to get added elevation.

To the pleasure and surprise of the pilot, he secured hits, and the Italian aircraft slowed down. The attack was pressed home, and the float-'plane dived to sea level and alighted.

Then the Skuas circled the 'plane. They had not long to wait before an Italian waved a white cloth.

SALVAGED GEMS STOLEN

For seven weeks the owner and staff of a London West End jeweller's shop spent several hours a day patiently sifting the wreckage of the shop—hit by a bomb—to salvage some of the stock.

Much of the jewellery, worth thousands of pounds, was beyond recovery or repair. But with what was salvaged Mr. Yeo, head of the firm, opened up in another West End thoroughfare.

When Mr. Yeo and his staff arrived at their new premises, they found a gaping hole in the "peep window." It had been stripped clean of the jewellery.

Smash-and-grab raiders, under cover of the noise of the barrage, had completed the dirty job Hitler's airmen set out to do.

"Hanging is too good for these rats who take advantage of air raids to rob people who are trying to keep their staff in employment and to carry on," Mr. Yeo told a reporter.

"The Germans will never break the spirit of the West End business man, but these thieves, who prowl around in raids, come near doing it.

"It is going to be difficult for us now—but I suppose we must do the best we can."

BARRED BY MISTAKE

Mr. Herbert Morrison, Home Secretary, admitted with regret in Parliament that by a mistake several railwaymen had been refused membership of the Home Guard by a railway company owing to a secret report of the police.

He said that there is, from the police point of view, no objection to the enrolment of these men.

SHELTER TREMBLED 8 HOURS

I was in a steel shelter in the middle of the London raid.

Two minutes after the warnings had sounded, the battle started, and continued in spasms until just before dawn.

In the twilight I saw a dozen black twin-engined bombers split formation at about 8,000ft. to start the attack.

Motors screaming hideously, one dived several thousands feet, and dropped the first bomb. It fell 100 yards away from me. The concussion hit me like a heavy-weight's punch.

I went to ground. From then on hell was let loose above me. Like others in the shelter, I lay flat on the floor, for more than eight hours.

Minute by minute in ghastly spasms, the steel-lined shelter trembled like an earthquake as bombs fell all around.

One, which landed twenty yards away, lifted the shelter bodily about a foot. Above me, I heard the roar of falling wreckage.

I ran up the stairs to make sure that we weren't trapped. Wreckage was piled high, but we were free.

Back in the shelter, men, women, children, white-faced and shaken, were calm. A slip of a girl of about eighteen laughed ironically and said. "A miss is as good as a mile."

AFRAID TO SHELTER

"People in the East End are becoming so frightened of thieves that they refuse to go to air-raid shelters."

Colonel Henriques, chairman at East London Juvenile Court said this when dealing with a case of a fifteen-year-old boy who stole from a gas-meter in an empty house.

"A crime almost as serious if not as serious as looting," he said, "is going round to houses of evacuated people or people who are taking shelter, and stealing.

It Is Increasing

"It is becoming more and more common, and it is an extremely serious charge, because it is just playing dirty in wartime. It causes people to stop in their own homes to protect their property rather than go to a raid shelter."

Colonel Henriques said it happened night after night in Cable Street and The Highway and he added. "They 'do' the whole length of the street."

He asked a police inspector to make inquiries.

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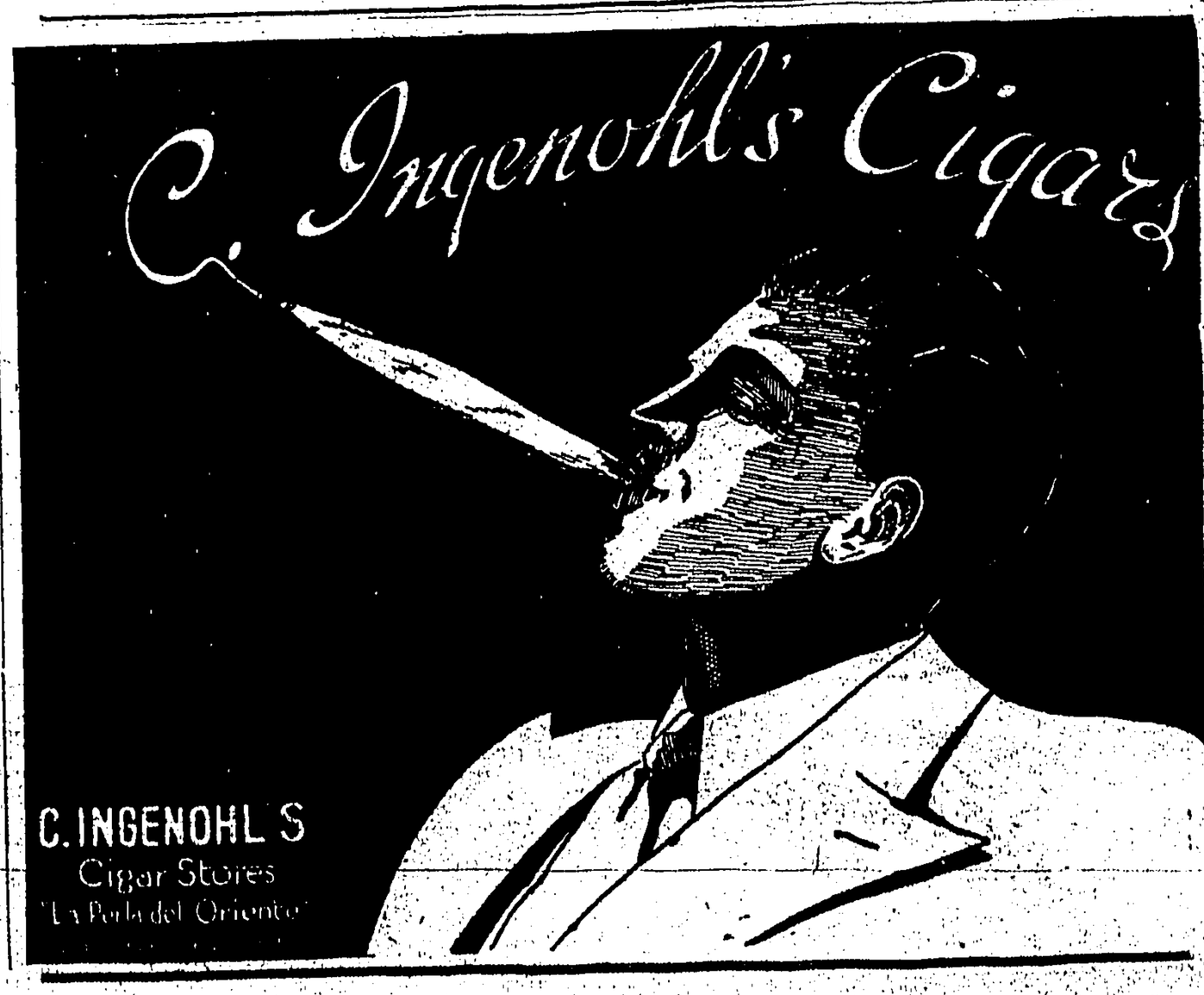

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Hong Kong, 22nd Feb., 1941.

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The Register of Shares of the Corporation will be closed from Thursday, the 13th February to Wednesday, the 26th February, 1941 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.
V. M. GRAYBURN,
Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 7th February, 1941.

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The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from Wednesday, the 19th February, 1941, to Friday, the 28th February, 1941, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.
C. M. MANNERS,
Secretary & Manager.
Hong Kong, 12th Feb., 1941.

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By Order of the Board of Directors,
KAN TONG PO,
Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 20th February, 1941.

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BRIDGE NOTES

BRIDGE SWINDLES — NO. 27

By The Four Aces

Probably the best known conventional lead at Bridge is that of the King from a suit headed by either Ace-King or King-Queen, but there are circumstances in which that lead should not be made. For example:

South, Dealer
Neither side vulnerable

	♠ 7 4 ♡ A 9 4 ◇ 9 5 4 ♣ A Q J 8 4	
♠ 9 6 3 ♡ Q J 10 5 ◇ J 8 6 2 ♣ 7 5	N W E S	♠ 8 5 2 ♡ 8 7 3 2 ◇ A K 3 ♣ K 6 2
	♠ A K Q J 10 ♡ K 6 ◇ Q 10 7 ♣ 10 9 3	

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
4♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

West opened the Queen of hearts, dummy winning with the Ace. Declarer then drew three rounds of trumps and finessed the ten of clubs around to East's club King. It was at this point that East had to cast conventions to the winds.

HIGH CARD VALUES OF THE FOUR-ACES SYSTEM
ACE ... 3
KING .. 2
QUEEN 1
JACK ... ½

South's insistence on a spade contract made it perfectly clear that he had the two unplayed trumps. It was also clear that he held the heart King, for West would not have led the heart Queen from a holding headed by both King and Queen. Finally, four club tricks for South were in plain sight.

The only chance to defeat the contract lay in taking three diamond tricks at once — before South could regain the lead and discard on the clubs. And East's best chance to get three diamond tricks was to lead the three of diamonds! Any diamond lead would be all right if West had the Queen, of course, but the deceptive low lead was vital if South had the Queen.

As it happened, South did have the Queen of diamonds; but he naturally finessed the ten. West won with the diamond Jack and returned the suit, whereupon East's top diamonds defeated the contract.

* * *

Saturday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you held:

♠ A Q 6 3
♡ 8
◇ A J 7 5 4
♣ K 10 2

The bidding:

Schenken	You	Maier	Jacoby
1♡	Dbl.	1♠	Dbl.
Pass	(?)		

ANSWER: Pass. Your partner's double is for penalties, and with your strength in spades you are perfectly willing to cooperate in defence against the spade bid. You should be pretty sure that the spade bid is a "psychic," and your partner's double exposes it.

Score 100% for pass, 0 for any other bid.

Question No. 647

To-day you hold the same hand, and the bidding continues:

Schenken	You	Maier	Jacoby
1♡	Dbl.	1♠	Dbl.
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What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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"REMIT TAX ON BLACK-OUT"

Owing to purchase tax, black-out materials have become more expensive, says Mr. Alfred Edwards (Lab., Middlesbrough, E.) and he is to ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer if, in the interests of national safety, he will take steps to remit the tax on bona fide black-out sales.

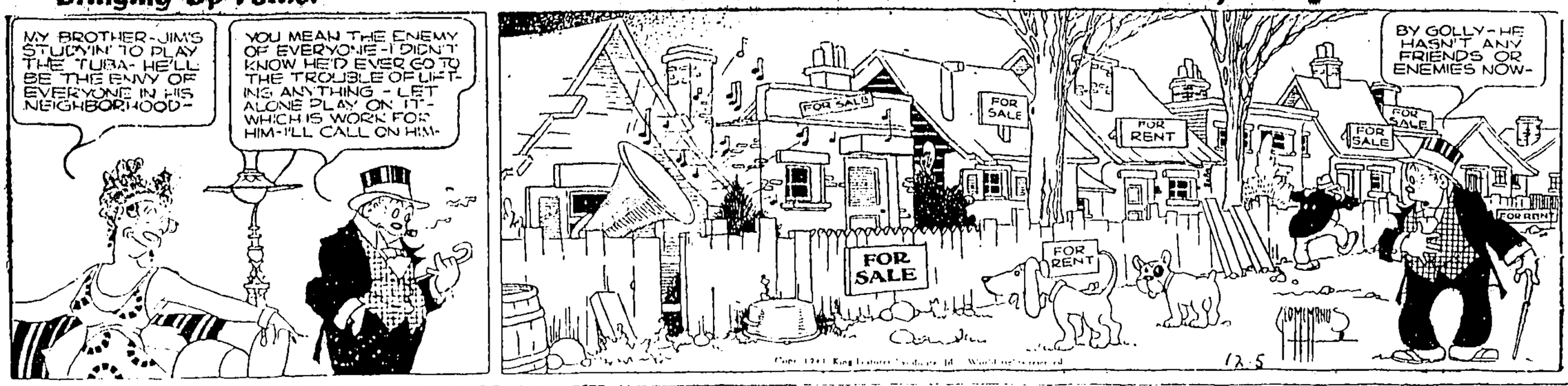
When Aviatrix Alice was asked what her speed record was she said she hoped to *make a mate* a minute.

"CHARS" WIVES OF OFFICERS

Mr. E. W. Salt, Conservative M. P. for Yardley, Birmingham, states that so inadequate are their Army allowances, that he has found the wives of young officers having to work as charwomen and living in slum conditions.

He will raise the matter in Parliament.

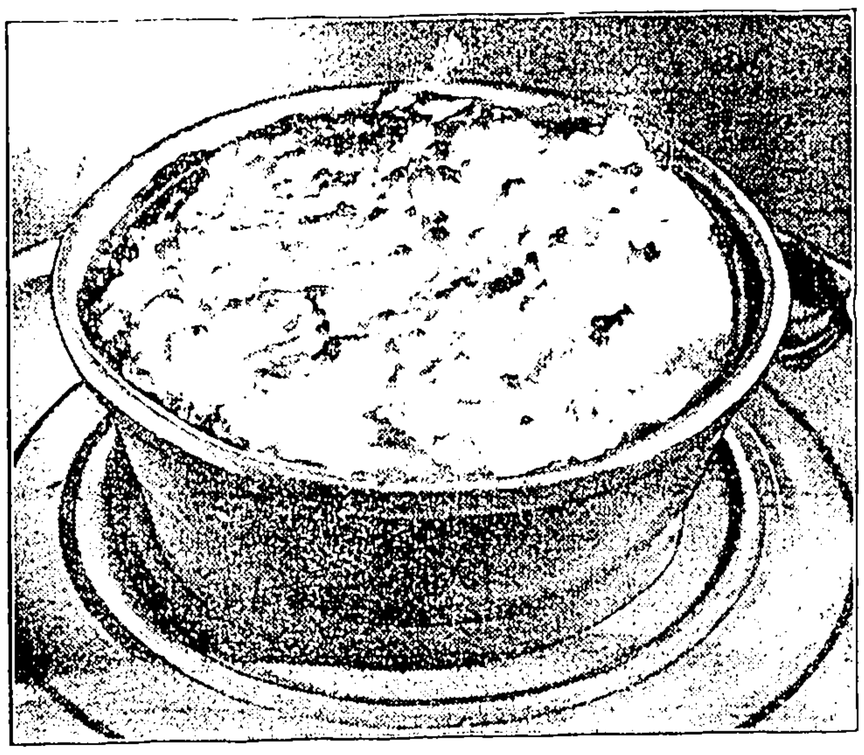
Bringing Up Father By George MacManus



A PAGE FOR WOMEN

From appetizer to dessert this Dinner has FLAVOUR

Dorothy Greig



Under the appetizing browned potato top is tender veal and vegetables in savory mushroom gravy.

WHEN it comes to sheer enjoyment of food, it is flavor that counts most.

Food may be healthful and nutritious but if it is flat and flavorless the family either pecks at it with slow reluctance or gobbles it fast to get it over with.

But present the same food seasoned with skill, cooked with loving care and the family eats it with honest relish, leaves the table in a contented glow, well fortified to face the world.

It is no wonder, then, that we keep ever on the alert to add to our knowledge of how to bring out the best in food, how to season for the utmost in flavor

In the dinner outlined below, two of the dishes offer a new way to enhance flavor. First, however, here's the menu itself. It starts off with a bright appetizer.

Tomato Juice
Veal Pie with Mushroom Sauce, Potato Cover
French Style Onions
Buttered Spinach
Gingerbread with Foamy Sauce
Coffee *Milk*

Now that veal pie . . . simple to make as you will notice. But it has an extra plus touch—condensed cream of mushroom soup. The soup makes the gravy creamy, adds tender slices of fresh mushrooms and steps up the whole flavor of our pie.

Veal Pie with Mushroom Sauce, Potato Cover

1 tablespoon fat, melted
1 pound veal, cut in one-inch squares
2 cups water
1 slice onion
1 teaspoon salt
Pinch of pepper
3 medium carrots (cut in wedge pieces 1¼ inches long)
2 tablespoons flour (mixed with ½ cup cold water)
1 can condensed cream of mushroom soup
2 cups seasoned mashed potatoes

Cook the veal in the melted fat until golden brown. Add water, onion, and seasonings and simmer until veal is nearly tender about 1¼ hours, then add carrots and continue cooking 20-30 minutes. Add thickener and cook five minutes longer. Empty the cream of mushroom soup into a saucepan and stir well, add some of the hot sauce from the meat to it and heat. Then combine all together. Pour into a casserole, spread mashed potatoes over the top and bake in a hot oven (450° F.) for 20 minutes. Serves 5-6.

Onions often make our eyes water. Cook them in condensed consommé and sprinkle with cheese—and this time they will make our mouths water instead.

French Style Onions

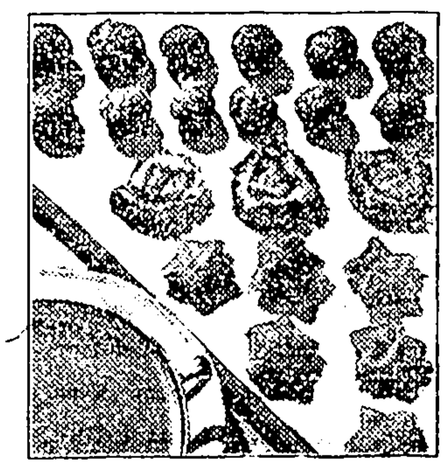
5 cups small silver-skinned onions
1 can condensed consommé
Pinch of pepper
3 tablespoons grated cheese (sharp)

Heat the consommé to boiling, add onions and cook until tender, about 40 minutes. Then add pepper and grated cheese just before serving. Serves 5.

Serve with Soup

by Dorothy Greig

"LITTLE SHOW-OFFS" is my own private name for these fancy bites I spring them on the family on special occasions such as birthday or holiday dinners. They're fun to make and even more fun to eat. And add a gala air to the serving of good hot soup at any time.



Of course, they are marvelous for company dinners, too.

Toast Stars

Cut star shapes out of bread with star cookie cutters. Toast one side under broiler. Then spread the untoasted side with softened butter and toast that side a light golden brown under the broiler.

Pinwheels

¼ cup butter
½ cup sharp cheese, grated
2 tablespoons chopped parsley
1 teaspoon prepared mustard
1 tablespoon catsup
1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
Bread slices

Cream the butter and cheese together, mix well and add the other seasonings. Slice the bread (preferably day old) about ⅛ inch thick. Spread generously with the cheese mixture. Roll like a jelly roll and fasten with toothpicks. Wrap in waxed paper and chill for ½ hour or longer. Just before serving, cut off in ¼ inch slices and toast under the broiler until a delicate golden brown. Makes 36 pinwheels.

Cheese Balls

¼ cup butter
½ cup grated sharp cheese
½ cup dry bread crumbs
Yolk of one egg

Combine butter and cheese and mix until creamy. Then add bread crumbs and egg yolk. Form into balls about the size of a small marble. Roll in crumbs and fry in hot fat.

Beauty Routine

Your weekly schedule should include a facial, a thorough scalp treatment including lubrication if your hair is dry, a long luxurious hour in the bathroom taking care of those personal details of nice grooming. Daily, I urge you to keep up the good work of brushing your hair, cleansing your skin well, exercising and watching your menus! Brisk weather makes your skin and hair more dry so you will have to take extra precautions in protecting them with creams and ointments.

To Clear Skin

Eat plenty of fresh fruits and fresh vegetables, whole grain cereals and drink your milk. Buttermilk is excellent for skin clearing so try to take a glass of it each day. Cut out at once all rich desserts and sauces, and those in between snacks at an ice-cream parlour. Regular meals at regular hours, and eating the right things will bring you better health.

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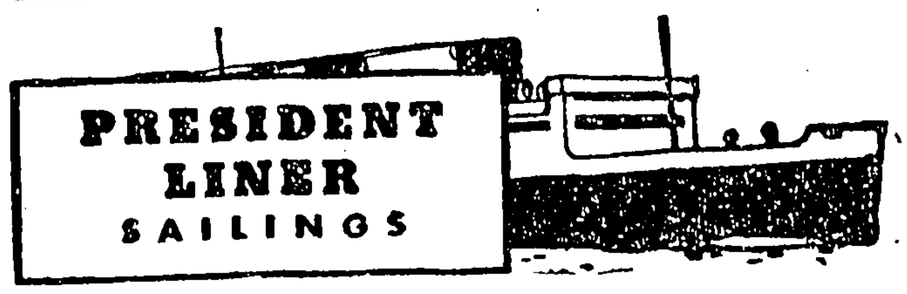

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1.45 p.m.—Raie Da Costa at the Piano.
1.55 p.m.—Hawaiian Vocal Selections.
2.15 p.m.—Close Down.
5.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.
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6.32 p.m.—Musical Comedy Selections.
7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
7.15 p.m.—London Relay—A Talk.
7.30 p.m.—Grieg—Peer Gynt Suite, No. 2, Op. 55.
7.45 p.m.—Studio—An appeal for Volunteers for the Police Reserve by the Hon. Mr. C. G. Perdue, Acting Commissioner of Police.
7.50 p.m.—Grieg—Elegiac Melodies, Op. 34.
London Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Eugene Goossens.
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
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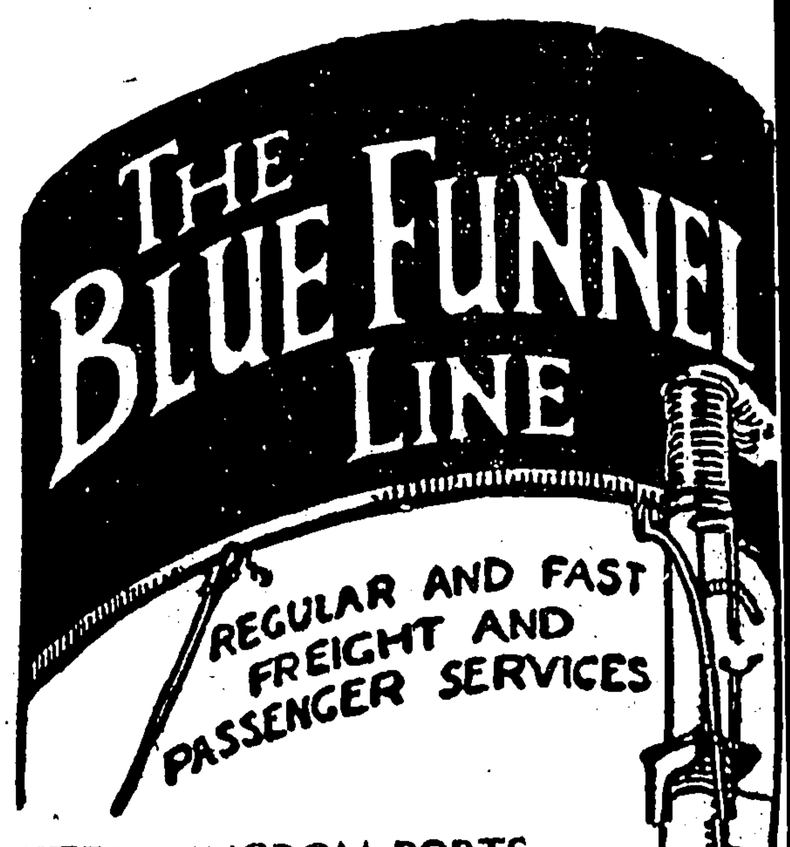

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Large scale exercises took place recently "Somewhere in England" in which 40,000 troops, including an Armoured Division, were engaged. HRH Prince Olaf of Norway, who watched the exercises is shown above. (Copyright, Fox).

SHE'S B.B.C. DANCE BAND BOSS AT 27

POWER BEHIND THE dance band scenes at the B.B.C. now is twenty-seven-year-old Norah Neale, who has just been promoted from her post as secretary to a variety producer to an important executive position.

She is the only woman who has ever been O.C. dance band broadcasts, and she owes her job to the war, since her former chief, John Burnaby, is now in the R.A.F.

It is a big change over from secretary to boss, but Norah can take it—and so can the dance-band leaders. In fact, they enjoy it.

"What is it like being bossed by a woman? Very nice," Eddie Carroll said, "though I cannot say I have experienced any bossing yet. Norah knows her stuff."

And she does. Her name appears on no programme. The public never hears of her, but what she says goes.

Henry Hall, Eddie Carroll and all the rest of them may be heroes when they appear on the public platform, but Norah's the girl with power to tell them off before they get there.

"I build up the once-a-week dance band programme," she told a reporter. "I spend ages attending the rehearsals.

"I have the power to cut out a number if I don't like it, though I have not done so yet. The dance band leaders are grand fellows and I love working with them."

Norah, a Scot, comes from Glasgow. Perhaps that is why she is so successful at the iron-hand-inside-the-velvet-glove stuff.

For, as she says herself, "There is not a dance band which does not include several people from the North."

She swears she is heart-free—but her favourite tune is "Night and day you are the one."

POLICE RESERVE APPEAL

Sir,—I have the honour to request that you be good enough to give publicity to the following appeal on behalf of the Police Reserve.

The Police Reserve is one of the Civil Defence organisations of this Colony. It is different from other Auxiliary Organisations in that it has been in existence since 1927 and that its members have frequently been called upon for duty at various times since that year. In case this Colony is subjected to attack the Police Reserve will perform an important function in supplementing the strength of the regular Police Force.

The strength of the Police Reserve has already risen from a total of 343 in January 1940 to a total of 966 at the present time.

In view of the heavy task which would fall on the Police Force should hostilities extend to this Colony it is desired to increase the Police Reserve to a total strength of 1,500 as soon as possible.

The Reserve is composed of the Chinese Company, Indian Company, the Flying Squad and the Emergency Unit. The last three have already almost reached maximum strength and the increase now proposed in the Police Reserve must therefore be achieved mainly by an increase in the strength of the Chinese Company.

I appeal therefore to all young men of Chinese race who have not yet joined one or other of the Colony's Civil Defence organisations to come forward and take their share in the defence of the Colony by joining the Police Reserve. Young men who are keen on games and an outdoor life will find the Police Reserve work attractive. I appeal also to all employers, both European and Chinese, to encourage Chinese young men in their employ to volunteer for the Police Reserve, and where necessary to grant them facilities for training and duty. In present circumstances this should not involve any interference with their normal work as both training and duty are carried on outside office hours.

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C. A. PERDUE.
Acting Commissioner of Police.

Soldiers of a British mechanised unit smilingly endeavouring to overcome the language problem in Greece. (Copyright, Fox).

BEDROOM SCENE—

Soldiers in a northern barracks were very proud of their sleeping quarters.

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And there was mourning in a northern barracks.

Travelling fast, the lorries had soon covered eighty miles and in another cloud of dust they pulled up outside the local barracks.

With the same urgent speed the beds were reassembled in two neat rows and soldiers, who the night before had dossed on bare boards, were lined up beside them.

The scene was set—but only just in time—for the arrival of the Princess Royal on a tour of inspection.

The Princess smiled approvingly as a high Army officer conducted her between the row of beds.

"You have very comfortable quarters here," she said.

"Yes, madam," replied the men—and not one of them smiled.

So the Princess went on her way and, as the soldiers watched in gloom, the beds, in which they were not to sleep for even one night, were packed up and raced north once more.

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MACAO DOWN AT HALF-TIME UNLUCKY NOT TO BEAT RECREIO

By "Sportshawk"

HANDICAPPED by the slippery ground and strong gusts of wind against them in the first half, at the end of which period they were being one goal down, Macao Hockey Club recovered magnificently on the resumption to draw with Club de Recreio in a hockey match at King's Park yesterday afternoon, four goals being shared.

Macao were without the services of their captain, Laertes Costa, who is on the injured list, while E. L. Gosano was an absentee from the local Portuguese team, owing to an injury sustained in a softball game earlier in the afternoon.

Outstanding Players

Two men stood out in the local team. They were W. A. Reed, the pivot, and B. T. Gosano, centre-forward. The former was all over the field, intercepting well and giving good support to his forward, while Gosano ably led the attack throughout.

The homesters' defence was best served by J. Gonsalves, who cleared with power and showed clever anticipation. J. Soares played a hard game on the right-wing.

Almada, for the visitors, was the better custodian bringing off some remarkable saves in the course of the game and, at one time dealing effectively with two shots in quick succession attempted by the local leader, B. Gosano.

The best department in the visitors' team was their intermediate line in which J. Nolasco, Alex Arrosa and Trigo Silva, all did very well, particularly the pivot, Alex Arrosa, who showed brilliant stickwork.

Albert Arrosa and P. Angelo combined well in the attack for the visitors and were always dangerous while F. Nolasco, the left-wing, played a sound game but was too often caught off-side.

Recreio Starts Well

Play was in favour of Recreio for almost the entire opening period, in which the visitors were only allowed to launch occasional raids.

Recreio attack strongly from the whistle but were unable to score until the middle of the first half when J. Fonseca drew first blood from a scrimmage. The home team managed to hold this lead until the interval.

On the resumption, R. Rosario took over Ferreiro's position at left-back, and G. Silva replaced F. Ramalho at inside-left while Ferreiro moved out to release Trigo Silva on the left-half.

These changes made a noticeable difference, for Silva strengthened the attack considerably and combined excellently with P. Angelo.

Macao adopted central attack tactics and equalised through P. Angelo from a pass from G. Silva, and took the lead through Albert Arrosa.

Goal Disallowed

Macao again applied pressure and F. Nolasco, cutting through sent the ball to P. Angelo, who netted. This goal was, however, disallowed owing to off-side.

About five minutes from the end, B. Gosano scored the equaliser for the homesters as the result of a solo effort, the game thus ending in a draw.

It is understood that Macao will pick their Interport team from the 13 players on view yesterday, and their captain and Laertes Costa.

RECREIO H. Gonsalves, R. Marques and J. Gonsalves, P. Yvanovich, W. A. Reed and A. N. Alves, J. Soares, J. N. Gosano, B. G. Gosano, F. X. Sequeira and J. Fonseca.

MACAO—Almada, Bacto and Ferreiro (R. Rosario), J. Nolasco, Alex Arrosa and Trigo Silva (Ferreiro), F. Nolasco, Albert Arrosa, P. Angelo, F. Ramalho (G. Silva) and R. Angelo.

COLONY TEAM PRACTICE

The Interport Probables will play another practice game with a British Army XI on the Club ground to-morrow, commencing at 5 p.m.

Following are requested to be present:—V. M. Benwell, V. C. Bond and J. Gonsalves, R. A. Marques, W. A. Reed and N. B. Whitley, T. Whitley, G. Singh, B. Gosano, H. L. Ozorio and W. Brown.

Reserves:—W. Parker, E. Fowler, D. Smith, A. E. P. Guest and A. N. Alves.

ENTRIES CLOSE ON SATURDAY

Although only one week remains before the closing date of entries for the Colony Lawn Tennis Championships, Mr. A. K. Mackenzie, Hon. Secretary of Hong Kong Cricket Club, under whose auspices the tournament is conducted, told the "China Mail" on Saturday that very few entries had been received to date.

It is learned, however, that T. Umetani, the Japanese star who made such a promising debut last year, intends to enter the singles event and he is looking for a partner for the doubles.

With no new blood in the Colony it appears likely that the current year's tournament will follow much the same lines as those conducted in the last two years.

PRESENTATION TO CAPT. PEAL

A very pleasent function took place at Hong Kong Football Club last Sunday after the Final of the Lai Wah Cup game when Mr. W. Pryde, a vice-president of Hong Kong Football Association, on behalf of the Council of the Association, made a presentation to Captain A. W. F. Peal, who is terminating his connection with the Association owing to his impending departure. He has also relinquished the posts of Army Representative on the Council and Hon. Secretary of Army Area Sports Board.

The presentation took the form of a silver cigarette case suitably inscribed.

Francis Noodt, Shanghai jockey who is sharing the rides for the Clre Stable with Chris Moller, states that he first learned how to ride by getting hold of "any old horse" he could. Hack or carriage ponies were the same in providing him with his early mounts, and the "training gallops" were usually held in the then main street of Shanghai—the road which led to the Kiangwan Race Course, across the old railway track.

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NEW POLICE TALENT

G. V. White, latest addition to Police Recreation Club cricket team, has only been in the Colony about a month but he has already made his presence felt in the Junior Division of the Cricket League.

White formerly played for St. George's Club, which figured prominently in the Cricket Club Conference matches in London, and is a useful right-hand medium leg-break bowler. He has not quite found his real form yet, but when he does he should get in amongst the wickets frequently. He is exceptionally fast at cover-point and has a very safe pair of hands.

White also plays tennis, football and squash, but he intends to concentrate on cricket. As usual with new arrivals here, he is at present finding the light a little troublesome.

LARGE UNITS LEAGUE

Further results in the Large Units Hockey League are as follows:

4th Round

5th R.A. Regt. R.A.	3	Combined S.U.	2

5th Round

12th (H) Regt. R.A.	3	R.E.	0
Middlesex Regt.	5	Punjab Regt.	1

6th Round

12th (H) R.A.	2	Royal Scots	1
Middlesex Regt.	4	8th (H) Regt.	0

7th Round

Rajput Regt.	1	8th (H) Regt.	0
Middlesex Regt.	4	12th (H) Regt.	2
R.E.	5	H.K. Regt.	
		H.K.S.R.A.	2

8th Round

Middlesex Regt.	9	5th A.A. Regt. R.A.	0

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
Middlesex	8	7	1	0	15
12th (H) Regt.	7	3	3	1	9
Rajput Regt.	5	3	2	0	8
5th A.A. Regt.	6	2	2	1	6
8th (H) Regt.	7	2	1	4	5
H.K.S.R.A.	5	1	2	2	4
Punjab Regt.	5	1	2	2	4
R. Scots	6	1	1	4	3
C.S.U.	4	0	2	2	2
R.E.	6	1	0	5	2

If it is not possible to decide on points alone which two teams will compete in the challenge match for the Garrison Cup, the choice will fall on the team with the greater number of wins; or, failing that, the better goal ratio.

RAPIER'S SELECTION FOR TO-DAY

Race No. 1
KING'S FLIGHT
BUGLE
STRATHALBYN
Outsider:—Lex Forl.

Race No. 2
PALBER
GLOSSYLIGHT
EVE OF DECEPTION
Outsider:—World Fair View.

Race No. 3
DISTANT VIEW
NOMINE POENAE
FLEETWING
Outsider:—Hascossay.

Race No. 4
CONFUSION BAY
EVE OF HARVEST
SPICYLIGHT
Outsider:—White Diamond.

Race No. 5
VENUS BAY
CHEERFUL STAR
CATTERICK BRIDGE
Outsider:—Centre Court.

Race No. 6
SANTA-ANITA
CORSAIR
HAPPY RETURNS
Outsider:—Twinkling Star.

Race No. 7
EVE OF PEACE
EVE OF HUNTING
SYLVANDALE
Outsider:—Scenic View.

Race No. 8
UNITED EXPRESS
MANHATTAN
ENDEAVOUR
Outsider:—Vitamin M.

Race No. 9
FAR VIEW
LANCASHIRE CHIPS
VICEROY
Outsider:—Australian Diamond.

Race No. 10
ORACLE
PRAIRIE VIEW
MARSH WARBLER
Outsider:—Vic Major.

Race No. 11
OOLONG
VELVETLIGHT
CHARLESBER
Outsider:—Iron Beauty.

Race No. 12
FRESH AIR
NEWBORN STAR
SYDNEY DIAMOND
Outsider:—Buckfastleigh.

DAILY DOUBLE:—EVE OF PEACE AND FAR VIEW.

SATURDAY'S SPORTS

CRICKET

FIVE cricket matches were played on Saturday, K.C.C. virtually winning the Senior League as the result of a victory over Recreio, while University upset Craigengower Juniors and had much the better of a drawn game.

Leading performances were:—

BATTING

J. Macauley	91
J. M. Gosano	75
A. E. Noronha	72
T. C. Lo	47
A. B. Hamson	47
D. J. N. Anderson	46
J. F. MacGowan	46
H. Tyler	41
D. Chelliah	40
W. L. Clarke	39
R. S. W. Patterson	37
R. S. Gill	36
D. Hung	34
M. A. Wahab	31
W. Colledge	31
G. Ainslie	31
F. J. Lay	30

BOWLING

M. R. Abbas	6 for 43
N. D. Lloyd	5 for 54
H. Dunbrowsky	4 for 47
C. Whitfield	4 for 48
J. F. MacGowan	4 for 61

FOOTBALL

The Second Round of the Shield Competition was played on Saturday and with the exception of the Royal Navy-Royal Scots game the results were as expected.

Signals were badly beaten by Service Corps in the Junior Division by 4 clear goals.

Club surprised Kowloon in First Division to win by 3 goals to 1 while in Third Division, Air Force received a severe setback when they were beaten by the odd goal in five by 35th Royal Artillery.

RUGBY

Combined Services were held to a three all draw by a Combined Club-Police team at Happy Valley on Saturday.

In the Services "A" game against Club and Police, the former won by 15—6 after being 6—0 down at one stage.

FORM GUIDE

Following is a complete survey of racing at the Valley this year, giving the time, first three ponies, their jockeys and weights, won by and when—A.M. stands for Annual Meeting, and 1 or 2 means first or second day:

AUSTRALIAN GRIFFINS, 1941

6 FURLONGS

1.18.2—Distant View (Pih, 152); 2, Via Major (Sokoloff, 152); 3, Starlight (Moller, 152). 3 and 5. A.M.1.

ONE MILE

1.51.0—A Happy Time (Holden, 152); 2, Fleetwing (Poy, 152); 3, Colooma (Black, 152). 5 and short head. A.M.1.

1 MILE 171 YARDS

2.00.3—Fleetwing (Poy, 152); Starlight (Moller) 152); 3, Mountain View (Pih, 152). 3 and 1. A.M. 2.

1¼ MILES

2.19.4—First Love (Liang, 152); 2, Prairie View (Pih, 152); 3, Marsh Warbler (Black, 152). 3 and short head. A.M.1.

1½ MILES

2.54.1—Distant View (Pih, 152); 2, Oracle (Needa, 151), 3, First Love (Liang, 152). Many and 3. A.M.2.

AUSTRALIAN SUBS, 1941

HALF MILE

51.1—Moonlight (Noodt, 149); 2, Bona Vacantia (Sokoloff, 152); 3, Fresh Air (Ip Kui-ying, 149). 2 and short head. A.M.2.

54.1—Bendemeer (Needa, 152); 2, Royal Sovereign (Noodt, 152); 3, Newborn Star (Craven, 152). 2 and 4. A.M.2.

6 FURLONGS

1.18.4—United Express (Ip Kui-ying, 152); 2, Fresh Air (Woo, 149); 3, Newborn Star (Craven, 152). 5 and ½. A.M.1.

1.19.4—Amulet Star (Craven, 152); 2, Black Seal (Chao, 152); 3, A Surprising Time (Holden, 152). Neck and short head. A.M.1.

1.19.4—National Welfare (Tao, 152); 2, Happy Returns (Wei, 149); 3, Vitamin M. (Black, 152). Head and head. A.M. 1.

ONE MILE

1.48.0—Manhattan (Hearne, 149); Jus Gentium (Sokoloff, 150); 3, Endeavour (Wei, 152). 4 and 3. A.M.1.

1.52.0—United Express (Ip Kui-ying, 152); 2, Tien Tien (Sung, 150); 3, Casino (Tang Man-wa, 149). Many and 2. A.M.2.

1 MILE 171 YARDS

2.00.0—Dutch Treat (Botelho, 152); 2, Black Seal (Chao, 152); 3, Bugis (Wei, 149). Short head and ½. A.M.2.

1¼ MILES

2.30.2—Santa-Anita (Liang, 153); 2, King's Flight (Needa, 153); 3, Corsair (Botelho, 150). 3 and 2. A.M.2.

AUSTRALIAN OLD PONIES

ONE MILE

1.46.2—Sapper (Davis, 159); 2, Far View (Pih, 153); 3, Viceroy (Black, 152). 5 and 2½. A.M.1.

1.56.0—Many Thanks (Hearne, 159); 2, Vixen Tor (Noodt, 147); 3, Pumpernickel (Tao, 153). Many and 4. A.M.2.

1 MILE 171 YARDS

1.59.1—Fair Chance (Wei, 146); 2, Springhurst (Poy, 149); 3, Vixen Tor (Noodt, 143). 1½ and short head. A.M.1.

NEW CHINA PONIES

6 FURLONGS

1.23.3—Oolong (Needa, 152); 2, Lovelylight (Noodt, 152); 3, Palber (Chao, 152). 3 and 4. A.M.1.

1¼ MILES

2.41.0—Velvetlight (Moller, 152); 2, Eve of Deception (Coppin, 156); 3, Raconteur (Wei, 152). 3 and many. A.M.1.

1½ MILES

3.02.0—Oolong (Needa, 152); 2, Velvetlight (Moller, 152); 3, Lovelylight (Noodt, 152). 1 and 6. A.M.2.

OLD CHINA PONIES

6 FURLONGS

1.34.3—Eve of Peace (Wood, 155); 2, Lovely Star (Fung, 159); 3, Royal Wedding Eve (Feilden, 166). 6 and many. A.M.2.

1 MILE

1.58.3—Conquering Time (Moller, 150), and Eve of Reason (Davis, 135); 3, Hughber (Chang, 135). Dead heat and short head. A.M.2.

1¼ MILES

2.25.1—Navylight (Moller, 153); 2, Eve of Harvest (Davis, 153); 3, Confusion Bay (Needa, 156). Head and ¾. A.M.2.

1¾ MILES

3.20.1—O-Lan (Needa, 149); 2, Eve of Harvest (Davis, 149); 3, Burford (S. W. Tang, 152), 2 and short head. A.M.1.

Sing Tao Beaten In Shield Tie

St. Joseph's Defence Pave Way To Victory

Macdonald, Guy And Flanders Shine For Winners

By "Referee"

ST. JOSEPH'S caused the first big surprise in the Senior Shield Competition this season when at Causeway Bay yesterday they beat Sing Tao by two clear goals after a goalless first half.

Sing Tao fielded their usual team while St. Joseph's introduced Guy and Flanders to their side and played D. Leonard at left half in place of Lau Hing-kwong.

Saints owe their victory to their defence for in the first half they were given a gruelling time against Fat Sing Tao forwards and though their goal had some narrow escapes were able to keep it intact.

During that period they could not assist their forwards to any extent as they were hampered by the strong wind and were thus unable to place their passes as desired. In the second half they had a better hold of Sing Tao forwards and plied their forwards with good passes.

With perhaps the heaviest defence against them, Sing Tao forwards could make no impression on Saints's defence and were always beaten with high balls.

Guy in the pivotal position, played a good game and showed glimpses of his old interport form. He had the centre well covered and his hard tackling and hard kicking cleared his lines often. He was safe with everything overhead.

He had Kwong Ying-kee so well held in the second period that the centre forward was never dangerous.

Leonard Sound

D. Leonard, in an unusual position at left half, played himself to a standstill and used his weight whenever required with the result that Yeung Shui-yick was put off his usual game and was not so dangerous. Leonard also paid constant attention to Fung King-cheong and with these two players held in check by him and Kwok unable to do anything against Guy, the sting of Sing Tao's attack was taken out.

At right half, Castilho did his bit well. He found the ground slippery at times but was able to keep Ip Pak-wah in check.

Good Backs

Behind this intermediate line were two sound backs in Bowen and Hussain who did not place a foot wrong. Hussain covered Bowen admirably while the latter was safe in his kicking.

The good display of the other defenders gave Sammy Tsang, in goal, every confidence and he played an exceptionally good game. He brought off a good save in the opening minutes of the game and in the second half saved several good shots.

MacDonald proved to be a great leader. He took the shortest route to goal and worried Cheung Wing-choy so much that the latter was not as safe as usual.

Santos and Flanders were a dangerous left wing pair and the latter gave the Saints' attack that spurt they have always needed. Flanders sent over good centres one of which resulted in a goal.

Sing Tao Start Well

Sing Tao started off well and took up the offensive early on but they were not able to score. Leung Wing-chui kept his forwards well supplied with passes while Chui Ai-fai and Soong Ling-sing generally had the measure of the Saints' forwards.

Yeung Shui-yick and Fung King-cheong were engaging the constant attention of Leonard but the passes were often intercepted by Bowen.

Ip Pak-wah and Lai Shui-wing were seen in several good movements but lacked finish.

In the second half the forwards fell off badly and with the Saints applying continued pressure Sing Tao defence were often drawn out of position resulting in both wingers being unmarked.

Mak Shui-hon and Hau Yung-sang could not cope with the movements and were often beaten by the inter-passing of the Saints' forwards.

The Scoring

After a goalless first half in which Sing Tao had more of the play, Saints scored through Santos after MacDonald had forced Cheung Wing-choy to drop the ball and shortly after MacDonald placed the Saints further in the lead with a good goal. The goal started from D. Leonard who retrieved the ball almost on the touch line and sent Flanders away on the wing. The latter sent over a perfect grounder which was met by MacDonald.

In spite of this deficit Sing Tao forwards played better and Tsang was called upon on several occasions but Saints' defence were able to hold out.

ST. JOSEPH'S—Tsang; Bowen, Hussain, Castilho, Guy, Leonard; Cruz, Santos, McDonald, Gomes, Flanders.

SING TAO—Cheung Wing-choi, Mak Shui-hon, Hau Yung-sang; Soong Ling-sing, Leung Wing-choi, Chui Ah-fai; Yeung Shui-yick, Fung King-cheung, Kwok Ying-kee, Lai Shui-wing, Ip Pak-wah.

YESTERDAY'S SOCCER RESULTS

SENIOR SHIELD			
Kwong Wah	1	Eastern	2
St. Joseph's	2	Sing Tao	0
JUNIOR SHIELD			
Sing Tao "B"	1	36th R.A.	0
Navy	3	International	2
SECOND DIVISION			
R.A.O.C.	2	Kwong Wah	2
Kit Chee	2	Engineers	3
THIRD DIVISION			
24th R.A.	5	A.S.A.	0

FOOTBALL SNIPPETS

Sing Tao's team are leaving for Manila on Wednesday, accompanied by Mr. Aw Ho as manager.

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Eastern are leaving for Manila on April 12 to play three games there.

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As South China will be visiting Australia after the present football season they may cancel their projected tour to Manila. The reason is that many of the players will not be able to obtain leave for both trips.

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Leung Wing-chui, Sing Tao pivot, is unable to obtain the necessary leave to accompany the team to Manila.

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Minshull, of 24th Royal Artillery, who represented Combined Artillery in the Senior Shield, has been transferred to 35th R.A.

PLAYER'S PLEASE

IT'S THE TOBACCO THAT COUNTS

SECOND BEST WILL NOT WIN

Mr. Menzies On The Empire War Effort

RED ARMY PROGRESS

The Soviet Red Army celebrated the twenty-third anniversary of its formation yesterday.

The occasion was marked by a speech by General Tyulenev, commander of the Moscow military district, in which he extolled and outlined progress made by the Army

He claimed that the breaking of Finland's Mannerheim Line last year was an example of the high state of development of military technique.

Various new military appointments were also announced and foreign military attaches were entertained to tea by the Soviet Chief of Staff at the official residence of the Foreign Commissar.

In the newspaper "Pravda" the Deputy Naval Commissar, Admiral Isakov, writes that the Soviet Navy has formed a Danube flotilla and declares that this is the last of the Soviet Navy's developments. Reuter.

ITALIANS TO WORK FOR HITLER

Two hundred thousand Italian workers will arrive in Germany during the next few days, announced the German radio last night.

This news was preceded by the announcement of the arrival in Berlin of Signor Capoferri, Chief of the Fascist Labour Confederation.

The radio gave no indication of the nature of the work which the Italian visitors will do in Germany. — Reuter.

Nazis Already Feeling The Strain

THE EMPIRE MUST BE "ALL IN," OUR SECOND BEST WILL NOT WIN THIS WAR — THESE WERE THE KEYNOTES OF A SPEECH BROADCAST BY THE AUSTRALIAN PRIME MINISTER, MR. R. G. MENZIES, FROM LONDON LAST NIGHT.

Mr. Menzies said: "The British Empire and the United States are in the vital matter of war production only beginning, while Germany must already be feeling the strain, which will not be sensibly diminished by making slaves of Italian factory hands after the collapse of the Italian military effort.

"Time, provided we use it day and night, is our ally."

Addressing the people of Britain, Mr. Menzies said: "You must never think yourselves to be alone.

"Speaking, I am sure, not only for Australia but for the whole British Empire beyond the seas, I say to you—we are in this most holy war with you.

"Everything that we have of manpower, treasure, skill or determination is pledged to work and fight for you and with you until final victory is attained and a better and juster day dawns for the world in which our children are to live."

Four Aussie Divisions

Mr. Menzies said the Australian Expeditionary Force was already an army corps of four divisions and corps troops. Thousands of men had already made their just blows heard in Rome and desired only to deliver them at Berlin.

Thousands of young Australians were entering the air war with their brothers from Britain and the Dominions, and were destined to see the Empire the just mistress of the air.

"Above all, inspired by the splendid example of the King and Queen, your spirit and ours is not merely defensive. It is not sufficient to avoid defeat.

"Between the powers of darkness and the powers of light there can be no compromise. It is no twilight world that we are seeking."—Reuter.

No Empty Words

"I have visited in the Mediterranean ships of the Royal Australian Navy which from the day war broke out have cooperated with yours in the seven seas and have by their skill and fighting qualities not subtracted from the glories of the Royal Navy.

"I have seen the Empire Air Training Scheme grow in power until it has brought into training not hundreds but thousands of young Australians who are entering the air war with their brothers from Britain and the Dominions and are destined to see the British Empire the just mistress of the air as she has been these many generations the sure protector of the seas.

"Add to these things our munitions effort which already produces twenty times our volume of production when war began and you will see that Australia's messenger brings no empty words." — British Wireless.

INDIA'S RECRUITS FOR NAVY

Altogether 468 Indian boys are training for the Indian Navy near Karachi under 100 officers and instructors.

Sixty of the boys will pass out immediately after 18 months intensive training, including gunnery, engineering and wireless, while fresh batches are constantly being taken.

Reuter's special correspondent, after a visit yesterday to the training ship, was struck by the boys' discipline, efficiency and eagerness to acquit themselves creditably when drafted to the Indian Navy.—Reuter.

For depositing house refuse in the Harbour without permission Wong Chau, shop foki, was this morning fined $7 by Commander T. C. Stiff.

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BRIGHTER RACING WEATHER

The Big Day of the Annual Race Meeting, big sweep day, opened this morning after its several postponements, in much brighter weather and the track appeared to be in excellent condition though the going was reported to be heavy.

With the sun bursting through the clouds as the starters went out for the first event, there was every prospect of good racing and a much better attendance.

King's Flight scored for Dynasty in the first race of the day.

1—ALBURY STAKES. — One and a Quarter Miles.

Dynasty's King's Flight, 152 lb. ..... (V. V. Needa)	1
Lee Bros.'s Lex Fori, 152 lb. (M. M. Sokoloff)	2
C. H. Chan's Bugle, 149 lb. ... (C. B. Moller)	3

16 Starters. Won by 4 lengths; 1½ lengths. Time: 26.3; 54.2; 1.23.2; 1.52.4; 2.22.2.

Pari-mutuel: winner, $14.60; places, 1st $6.20; 2nd $8.70; 3rd $5.90.

BETTING FIGURES

	Win	Place
King's Flight (Needa, 152)	851	847
Bugle (Moller, 149)	737	1197
Strathalbyn (Black, 149)	356	318
Lex Fori (Sokoloff, 152)	294	263

SHARP GREEK ATTACKS

The Greeks yesterday attacked sharply in the Skumbi and Devoli River Valleys south-east of Elbasan. says Reuter's special correspondent on the Albanian frontier.

On the extreme right activity was confined to artillery duels.

Air activity was more marked especially by Italian 'planes, which attacked Greek positions and communications.

At midday four Savoia Marchettis bombed the neighbourhood of Florina, a frontier area in Greek Macedonia far behind the battlefield.—Reuter.

BETTING FIGURES

	Win	Place
Angel of Glory (Tao, 152)	221	205
Joan (Chang, 152) ..	124	150
Royal Sovereign (Noodt, 152)	116	121
Saratoga (Liang, 152)	50	71
Anzac Day (Poy, 149)	28	40
Tobacconship (Botelho, 149)	13	30
Archber (Chao, 152)	10	42
Casino (Tang Man Wa, 149)	3	6
Wayworth (Wood, 145)	3	5
Gossiper (Chui, 144)	2	3
Swallow (Ho Hong Ping, 147)	2	
Friday (Feng, 145) ..	1	

CASH SWEEP
Race 1

No. 4253	$1880.90
,, 1913	$537.40
,, 3606	$268.70

Unplaced runners ($50 each). Nos.: 2386, 3084, 393, 181, 339, 359, 4697, 3817, 2402, 2636, 3791, 805 and 218.

STOP PRESS

JAPANESE REPORTS RECEIVED IN TOKYO FROM SAIGON THIS MORNING ALLEGE THAT FOLLOWING AN EXTRAORDINARY FRENCH WAR COUNCIL ALL WARSHIPS OF THE FRENCH FAR EASTERN FLEET, INCLUDING THE FLAGSHIP, THE 7,000-TON CRUISER LAMOTTE PIQUET, HAVE SAILED IN THE DIRECTION OF THE GULF OF SIAM.

IT IS ALSO ALLEGED THAT THE INDO-CHINA AUTHORITIES HAVE CANCELLED THE LEAVE OF ALL OFFICERS AND MEN AND HAVE ORDERED THEM TO RETURN TO THEIR REGIMENTS.

THESE STEPS ARE SAID TO HAVE BEEN TAKEN IN VIEW OF THE EXPIRATION OF THE INDO-CHINESE-THAI ARMISTICE TO-MORROW (TUESDAY). — REUTER.

2—RACING STAKES. — One Mile.

Lan's World Fair View, 152 lb. (H. C. Pih)	1
Marber's Palber, 152 lb. ..... (L. B. Chao)	2
Collene's Sam's Choice, 149 lb. (D. Black)	3

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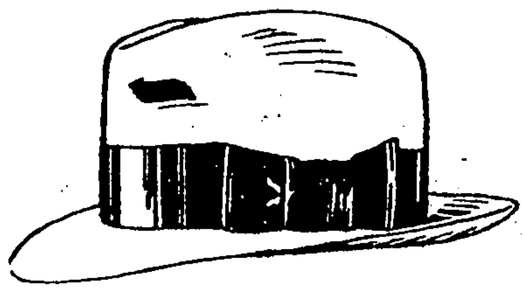

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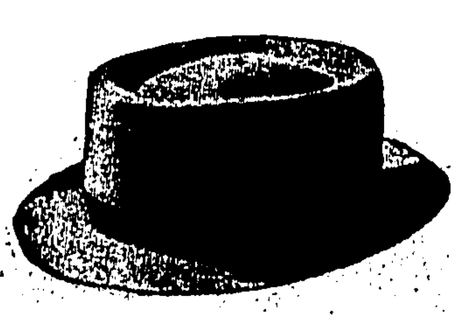

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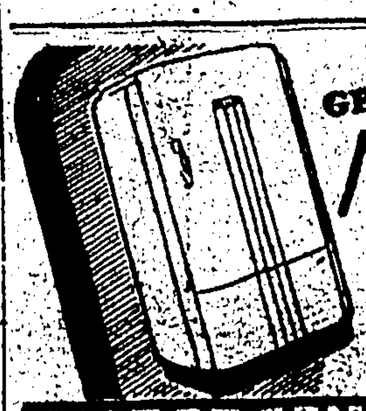

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U.S. MINISTER IN FIST FIGHT

Incident In Sofia Cafe With German Civilian

Develops From "Tipperary"

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

EXCITEMENT has been caused in diplomatic circles in Sofia by the revelation yesterday that the United States Minister to Bulgaria, Mr. George Earle, participated in a fist fight with an unidentified German civilian who hurled a champagne bottle at Mr. Earle in the fashionable Maxim Restaurant on Saturday night.

Mr. Earle, a former Governor of Pennsylvania, according to witnesses, requested the orchestra to play "Tipperary."

The German then hurled a bottle, which Mr. Earle warded off.

MR EARLE CROSSED THE ROOM AND THERE WAS AN ALTERCATION. IT APPEARS THAT THE GERMAN, WHO WAS IN CIVILIAN CLOTHES, TRIED TO STRIKE MR. EARLE, WHO THEN STRUCK THE GERMAN IN THE FACE, AFTER WHICH THERE WAS A SHORT EXCHANGE OF BLOWS. BOTH MEN LEAVING BEFORE THE POLICE ARRIVED.

Mr. Earle said later: "Resenting the playing of "Tipperary" the German threw a bottle. I warded it off and retaliated.

"The incident is regrettable but I saw no other course open to me." — International News Services.

BEDROOM SLAYING MYSTERY

Well-Known Chinesecouple

A sensation has been caused in local Chinese social and sporting circles by a tragic affair involving Mr. Fung Kwok-wah, the well-known amateur jockey, star water-polo player and compradore of the Green Island Cement Company.

Mrs. Fung Kwok-wah is dead having been found with severe head and throat wounds, which proved fatal, and which were allegedly inflicted on her with a chopper by her husband.

Mr. Fung, is now lying in the Kowloon Hospital in a critical condition as a result of a dose of Lysol.

The body of his wife has been sent to the Kowloon Mortuary.

It is learned that the couple went hiking yesterday starting from their bungalow on the Clear Water Bay Road.

Screams Heard

They appeared to be very friendly and nothing unusual seems to have occurred until about 7 p.m. last night, when gardeners were attracted by screams from the couple's bedroom.

Unable to obtain admission after knocking, the servants forced the door open and entering the bedroom, found Mrs. Fung lying on the floor. She was bleeding profusely from throat and head wounds.

Mr. Fung was also on the floor and appeared to be in great pain

The police were immediately notified but on arrival found that Mrs. Fung had already succumbed to her injuries.

Mr. Fung was sent to the Kowloon Hospital where he was found to be suffering from Lysol poisoning.

The Police found an empty bottle of Lysol and a chopper.

Little Hope Held Out

It was later learned that Mr. Fung, when admitted to hospital, was also suffering from wounds on the throat.

Very little hope for his recovery is at present held out.

MR. SAYRE TAKEN BY SURPRISE

Commenting on the reports of his impending transfer to Washington, the American High Commissioner in the Phillipines, Mr. Francis Sayre, said to International News, "It is all news to me."

It was earlier reported that Mr. Sayre's services were required at the U.S. State Department. — International News Service.

Ex-King Alfonso Not Dead

Reports of the death of ex-King Alfonso of Spain appear to be premature.

A Reuter despatch from Rome this morning states that Cardinal Maglione, Papal Secretary of State, visited the former monarch yesterday afternoon and talked with him for some minutes.

Alfonso, who received his visitor sitting in an armchair, conversed with perfect lucidity but his condition continues to cause anxiety.

Meanwhile, the Duke of Alba, Spanish Ambassador to Britain, was expected at Lisbon yesterday on his way to Rome, according to a Lisbon despatch to the Havas agency.

The Duke of Alba is an intimate friend of Alfonso, and was stated to be hurrying to his bedside. — Reuter.

ACID TEST COMING

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

SENATOR CARROLL, ONE OF THE U.S. SENATOR'S BITTEREST OPPONENTS OF THE LEASE AND LEND BILL, CONCEDED YESTERDAY THAT THE OPPOSITION HAVE NO CHANCE OF BLOCKING PASSAGE OF THE MEASURE.

He said they would concentrate on amendments to curb the President's powers.

A major test looms over an amendment moved by Senator Walsh prohibiting the further transfer of naval units to Britain. — International News Service.

EXACTLY A MILLION

The sale of tickets in "The Big Sweep" was stopped at 12.15 to-day when exactly 1,000,000 tickets had been sold.

BALKAN CRISIS NEAR

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

The London "Daily Express" reported yesterday that the Germans have occupied four Sofia railway stations and have requisitioned hundreds of villas in preparation for the imminent arrival of masses of troops in Bulgaria.

IT IS ALSO REPORTED THAT GERMAN SIGN-POSTS HAVE BEEN SET UP THROUGHOUT BULGARIA. — INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE.

Meanwhile, it is reported that officers of the German General Staff have entered Sofia.

Traffic in the Bulgarian capital was halted early yesterday morning.

DIPLOMATIC QUARTERS PREDICT THAT GERMANY WILL STRIKE WITHIN A FEW HOURS. — INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE.

FRENCH WARSHIPS PUT TO SEA

JAPANESE REPORTS RECEIVED IN TOKYO FROM SAIGON THIS MORNING ALLEGE THAT FOLLOWING AN EXTRAORDINARY FRENCH WAR COUNCIL ALL WARSHIPS OF THE FRENCH FAR EASTERN FLEET, INCLUDING THE FLAGSHIP, THE 7,000-TON CRUISER LAMOTTE PIQUET, HAVE SAILED IN THE DIRECTION OF THE GULF OF SIAM.

IT IS ALSO ALLEGED THAT THE INDO-CHINA AUTHORITIES HAVE CANCELLED THE LEAVE OF ALL OFFICERS AND MEN AND HAVE ORDERED THEM TO RETURN TO THEIR REGIMENTS.

THESE STEPS ARE SAID TO HAVE BEEN TAKEN IN VIEW OF THE EXPIRATION OF THE INDO-CHINESE-THAI ARMISTICE TO-MORROW (TUESDAY). — REUTER.

WEATHER FORECAST:—North-east winds, moderate, cloudy.

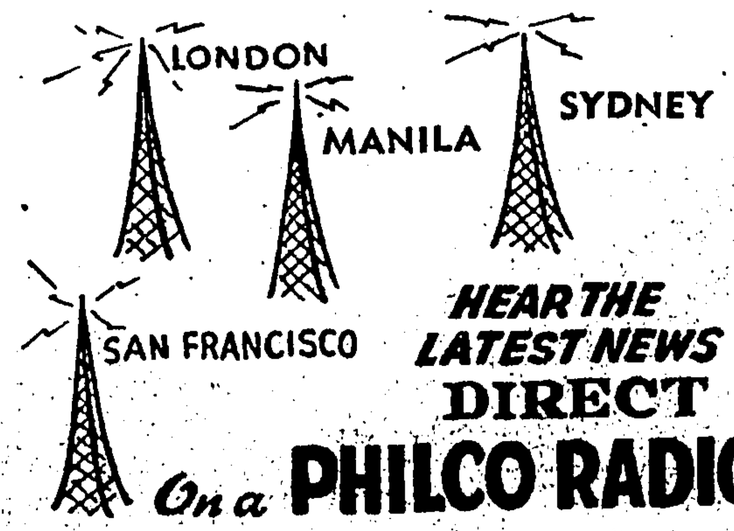
Molotov Purge Prophecy

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

Mr. Martin Dies, Chairman of the House of Representatives Committee which investigated un-American activities, predicted yesterday that Stalin will shortly purge M. Molotov, the Soviet Foreign Commissar.

Mr. Dies revealed a two-year-old secret memorandum in the Committee's files which explains the recent purge of M. Molotov's wife and M. Litvinov.

HE SAID THE MEMORANDUM INDICATES THAT JUSTIFICATION FOR THE EVENTUAL PURGE OF M. MOLOTOV WAS ARTFULLY ESTABLISHED BY STALIN IN WASHINGTON IN 1939 "THROUGH A FANTASTIC PIECE OF SOVIET-AMERICAN INTRIGUE," AS STALIN FORESAW THE EVENTUAL NEED FOR A PURGE.



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IL DUCE'S PEP TALK TO ITALY

Urges People To Have Faith In German Strength

Foolish To Talk Of Separate Peace; After Taranto

THE DIFFICULTIES OF THE FIGHT IN WHICH ITALY IS ENGAGED "NOT ONLY IN THE MEDITERRANEAN BUT ABOVE ALL ON WIDELY SEPARATED FRONTS OF WAR AGAINST BRITISH WORLD POWER," WERE EXPLAINED BY MUSSOLINI YESTERDAY IN A SPEECH IN ROME ADDRESSED TO "THE ITALIAN PEOPLE AND TO THE WORLD."

Mussolini expressed his complete conviction that the struggle would come to a "victorious conclusion," declaring that it was the will of Fascist Italy.

Il Duce was speaking at a meeting of the Fascio di Combattimenti del Urbe, and declared he had come to break the silence which was "dear to him, especially in time of war."

Italy, he said, had been at war not eight months but six years, namely since January 3, 1935.

Alluding to General Franco's appeal at the time of the Spanish Civil War, the Duce said: "We could not turn a deaf ear. It was our duty to go to his help."

He proceeded to say: "Really we have been at war since October 28, 1922, when we rose against the plutocratic Masonic and capitalist world.

"In September, 1939, we were on the eve of war. We could could not wait to be entirely ready, for history seized us by the throat.

"Italy immobilised immense enemy forces and so assisted the Germans to win their brilliant victories.

"After France, there remained enemy number one, against whom we shall fight to the last drop of our blood.

"Italy has always had to engage in distant and difficult wars."

Libyan Army

Referring to Libya as "a most important strategic point," Mussolini stated that between October 1, 1937, and January 31, 1941, more than 14,000 officers and 356,000 men, comprising two armies —the Fifth and Tenth—were sent to Libya, as well as 1,900 guns of all calibres and the most recent type, more than 15,300 machine-guns, 11 million artillery shells, more than a thousand million rounds of ammunition for automatic weapons, 24,000 tons of clothing and 759 armoured cars.

"The figures show that careful preparations were made. The soldiers who are fighting in the Empire without hope of reinforcements are those who are furthest away but nearest our hearts."

Sharper Hatred

Mussolini added: "We do not lie like the hypocritical British. We resisted strongly, sometimes furiously.

"We shall always tell the truth and we shall repudiate every falsehood.

"The events of the past months have only sharpened our hatred."

REFERRING TO GREECE AS "THE LAST BRITISH RAMPART IN THE BALKANS," MUSSOLINI SAID GREECE WOULD NOT RENOUNCE THE BRITISH GUARANTEE.

It was necessary to face up to her and on this point there was absolute agreement in all responsible military quarters.

If Winter's Here

Mussolini described Italian soldiers in Albania as "superb, writing pages of legendary glory."

He declared Greek losses were very high and said Spring would come soon and with it the Italians' turn.

He declared British losses were also heavy and ridiculed the statement that the British lost only 2,000 men.

HE ADDED: "SINCE TARANTO, THE COURSE OF THE WAR HAS BEEN UNFAVOURABLE TO US BUT OUR STRENGTH OF RECOVERY IS TREMENDOUS.

With Germany

"It is the last battle that counts. The victory of the Axis is absolutely sure. Whatever happens Italy will march with Germany to the end."

Mussolini declared that collaboration between the Italian and German armies was based on comradeship and cordiality.

"The Germans know Italy is supporting the weight of two million soldiers and an enormous air force and artillery.

"The attitude of the German soldiers in Sicily and Libya is absolutely perfect and worthy of a great army and a great people."

The war strength of Germany was not diminished but increased. Her losses in men and material had been very small.

Il Duce's "Points"

Mussolini made the following points:—

First, the command was in the strong hands of the Fuehrer.

Second, German armaments were infinitely superior to those of Britain.

Third, almost the whole of Eastern Europe was against Britain.

Fourth, unlike the war of 1914/18, the British blockade was valueless.

Fifth, the morale of the Axis people was superior to that of the British.

"The Axis is fighting for victory, Britain is fighting for survival.

"It is foolish to talk of a separate peace. It is impossible to weaken the morale of the Italian people, despite the bombing of towns."

Sixth, Britain was alone and was calling for urgent help from America but this help must arrive in such quantity that it surpasses German strength.

Seventh, when Britain is conquered the war will be finished.

Italy's Role

Eighth, Italy is playing a major role. Her armaments are increasing daily, thanks to the sacrifices of workers.

Ninth, Italy is proud of having dared to try her strength against Britain. "Peoples become great when they have the courage to take risks."

Tenth, to conquer the Axis British armies must invade the Continent—"a step which no Briton would ever dream of."

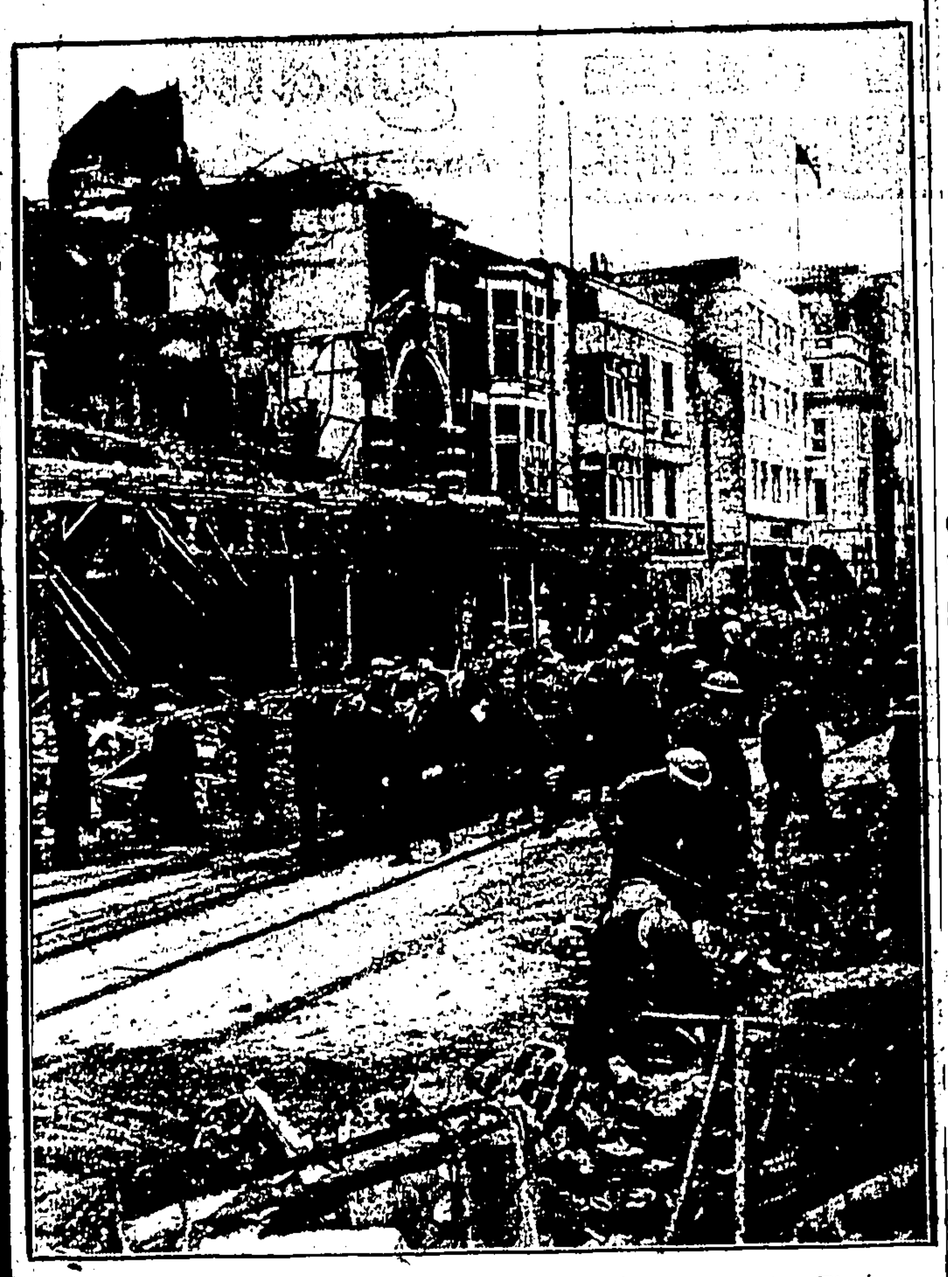
Mussolini declared: "The intervention of the United States is founded on the illusion of being a Democracy, also on lies of an attack by the Axis on America.

"The idea of an invasion of America is fantastic and ridiculous."

Deserve Victory

Il Duce concluded by declaring that the Fascist Italian people deserve victory and would have it, for they were bearing with exemplary dignity the sacrifices asked of them.

"Italy's will be the victory and peace with justice," he declared.—Reuter.



The King touring air raid damage in Southampton. Photo shows the King, accompanied by Mr. Herbert Morrison, walking through one of the damaged streets while soldiers are still busy in clearing up operations.

SEVENTH DAY OF SENATE DEBATE

THE UNITED STATES SENATE to-day begins the seventh day of its debate on the Lease and Lend Bill for aiding Britain, and there is every likelihood that the Senate will pass the measure at the latest by the end of the week.

There are indications in Washington that Administration leaders are preparing for quick action after the Bill has received final congressional approval

It is reported that appropriations and requests were discussed at the recent meeting of the Secretaries of War, Navy and Agriculture.

A statement made yesterday by Senator George, Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, indicates that the Administration may accept further amendments to the Bill.

Senator George stated that the majority members of the Committee are meeting this week to discuss three or four amendments. — Reuter.

THAI MISSION TO MOSCOW

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A message from Bangkok states that the Thai Minister for Economic Affairs has arrived in Moscow in order to establish normal diplomatic and trade relations with Soviet Russia.—International News Service.

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AIR BATTLE FOR CHANNEL DEVELOPING

Nazis Fill The Skies Near Dover

A STRONG FORCE OF GERMAN FIGHTER-BOMBERS INVADED THE SKIES OVER THE STRAITS OF DOVER YESTERDAY AFTERNOON FOLLOWING SATURDAY'S PATROL ACTIVITIES AND SMALL-SCALE DAYLIGHT RAIDS ON SOUTH-EAST ENGLAND.

Spitfires and anti-aircraft guns along the Channel coast went into action and several groups of enemy machines were turned back before reaching the English coast.

There had been considerable activity over the Straits by Spitfires during the morning, and British bombers were seen flying across the sea.

It was learned later that German fighters and fighter-bombers, numbering about a squadron, were chased back across the Straits of Dover during the afternoon by British fighters.

They failed to penetrate beyond the coast and there are no report of bombs being dropped.

Enemy air activity over Britain last night was scattered.

London Alert

Bombs were dropped in fields in one south-eastern district and enemy 'planes were reported in the vicinity of a north-east town.

The alert was sounded in London early in the evening but after a period the all clear signal was given.

Early reports suggested that the attack on London had been very slight.—Reuter.

8TH ROUTE ARMY ANXIETY

Whether the Communist Army will obey orders in future is considerably pre-occupying official minds in Chungking.

Following the recent disbanding of the New Fourth (Communist) Army it was thought that the differences between the Kuomintang and the Chinese Communist Party might be settled amicably through frank discussion at the forthcoming meeting of the National People's Political Council created by the Government in 1938 for the purpose of enabling all the various political groups to consult together.

It is hoped the Communist leaders will attend the meeting and not withdraw their co-operation from the common effort.

The Kwangtung Provincial Council has appealed by telegram to the commanders of the Communist Army to "obey orders."—Reuter.

HEAVY RAID ON MASSAWA

Fires were started among forts and buildings as a result of an attack by South African fighters on Massawa aerodrome, states a communique from R.A.F. Middle East Headquarters.

At Burie, R.A.F. bombers machine-gunned positions east of the town.

It is now learned that as the result of an encounter near Brava, south of Benghazi, between fighters of Australian squadrons and a number of Junkers 87 and Messerschmidt 110, one Junker and one Messerschmidt were destroyed.

From all operations one British fighter is missing.—Reuter.

LOSS OF NAVAL TRAWLER

A Reuter cable from London quotes an Admiralty announcement of the loss of the trawler Ormonde.

FIRE IN HONG KONG STEAMER

With a fire smouldering in one of the coal bunkers, the s.s. Kwangtung steamed full speed for Hong Kong on Saturday arriving in harbour at 9.30 a.m. yesterday to enter the Taikoo Dock for examination.

According to the report of the master, Captain F. N. Booth, smoke was observed coming from one of the coal bunkers at 2.30 a.m. on Saturday.

Water hoses were immediately played on the coal however, and the water hose crew were kept at work until yesterday morning when the vessel, travelling at full speed, reached Hong Kong.

On entering the harbour, the smoke ceased and presumably the fire had been put out, after some 32 hours.

$159 IN BAIL ESTREATED

A total of $159 representing the bail after a raid on a "Pai Kau" den at No. 580, Canton Road yesterday, was estreated by Mr. H. C. Macnamara at Kowloon this morning when defendants failed to appear.

The raid was carried out at 9 p.m. last night by a party of police, under Det.-Sgt. H. J. Baldwin.

The table money, $8.75, was donated to the Poor Box.

KULTUR ARRIVES IN MIDDLE EAST

The standard of conduct exhibited by the enemy in warfare in the Mediterranean area has undergone a marked change since it became necessary for the Germans to render assistance to Italy.

On two occasions recently, states an Admiralty communique, the hospital ship Dorsetshire has been attacked by German aircraft. Fortunately the ship was not hit on either occasion.

Dorsetshire is clearly marked as a hospital ship, the identity of which has been made known to the enemy in accordance with the requirements of international law.

Malta was subject to enemy air attack on many occasions during the first seven months of the war against Italy but in no raid were deliberate attacks made upon hospitals.

Since the appearance of German aircraft in the central Mediterranean the Imtarfa Hospital at Malta has been deliberately attacked.

It will be remembered that on January 31 a merchant ship evacuating Italian prisoners of war from the Libyan coast was attacked by two enemy aircraft, believed to be German. The attack resulted in a large number of casualties among the Italian prisoners and many were fatal.

Benghazi Bombings

When the British Army of the Nile captured Benghazi the Italians announced they had surrendered the town in order avoid the possibility of damage to private property and loss of life among the civilian population, among which were a large number of Italians.

Benghazi has since been subjected to recurrent indiscriminate air attacks carried out by German aircraft. The attacks have caused loss of life among the civilian population and damage to private property in residential quarters.—British Wireless.

YOUTH GIVEN ANOTHER CHANCE

Accused of stealing a bicycle from the Fee Kau Bicycle Shop, Tung Choi Street, Chung Pak-sang, 23, was bound over by Mr. D. J. N. Anderson at Kowloon this morning.

Sergeant Gordon said accused hired the bicycle. He was not asked to pay the hiring fee in advance as he was known as a good customer.

Accused later attempted to sell the bicycle in Un Long. The would-be purchaser saw that words on the rear mudguard had been scraped off and had accused arrested.

Japanese Accusing Admiral Decoux

Allegations regarding "warlike preparations" on the part of the French in Indo-China are made in a semi-official Japanese report from Hanoi citing an order which Admiral Decoux is alleged to have given to all prefects in the province of Tonkin.

The order is said to be to "prepare against all possible emergencies in view of approaching danger, to order all able-bodied youths to stand by for possible mobilisation in civil defence and to report on stocks of foodstuffs and agricultural products on hand."—Reuter.

B.W.O.F. DONATIONS

Following is the latest list of subscriptions received for credit of the British War Organisation Fund, Hong Kong Branch:—Previously Acknowledge £100: $648,633.78; Dr. K. W. Chaun (Monthly) $30; Anonymous $5; Lam Fook Lye (Monthly) $20; Anonymous $10; John Forbes (Monthly) $25; Mrs. M. M. Drake (Monthly) $10; Davis, Brook and Gran (Monthly) $70; Sale of renovated toys per Messrs. Millington Ltd. $50; M. G. Carruthers (Monthly) $15; Q.A.I. M.N.S. Mess (Monthly) $15; D. W. Hume (Monthly) $10; Members of the Indian Coy of the H.K. Police Reserve (April/December 1940) $156.40; Rev. and Mrs. T. A. Broadfoot (Monthly) $5; D. C. Edmondston (Monthly) $250. Total $649,305.18.

LOSSES IN THE AIR

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Daily figures were:—

	German	British
Feb. 16	4	—
Feb. 17	6	—
Feb. 21	1	—
Feb. 22	2	—

The British lost seven 'planes over Germany in the same period.

In the Middle East, between Feb. 16 and Feb. 22, the Germans lost five 'planes, the Italians 20 and the British six. Two further German 'planes were brought down by the Royal Navy.—Reuter.

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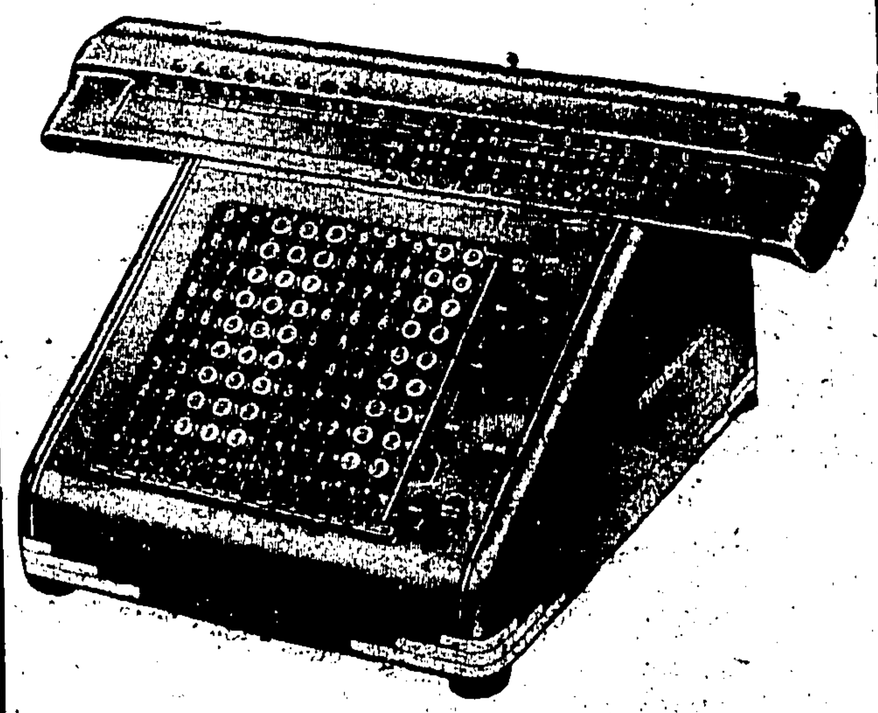

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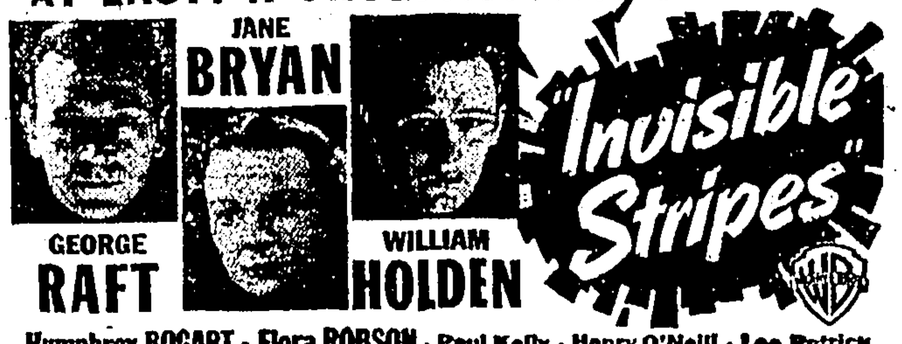

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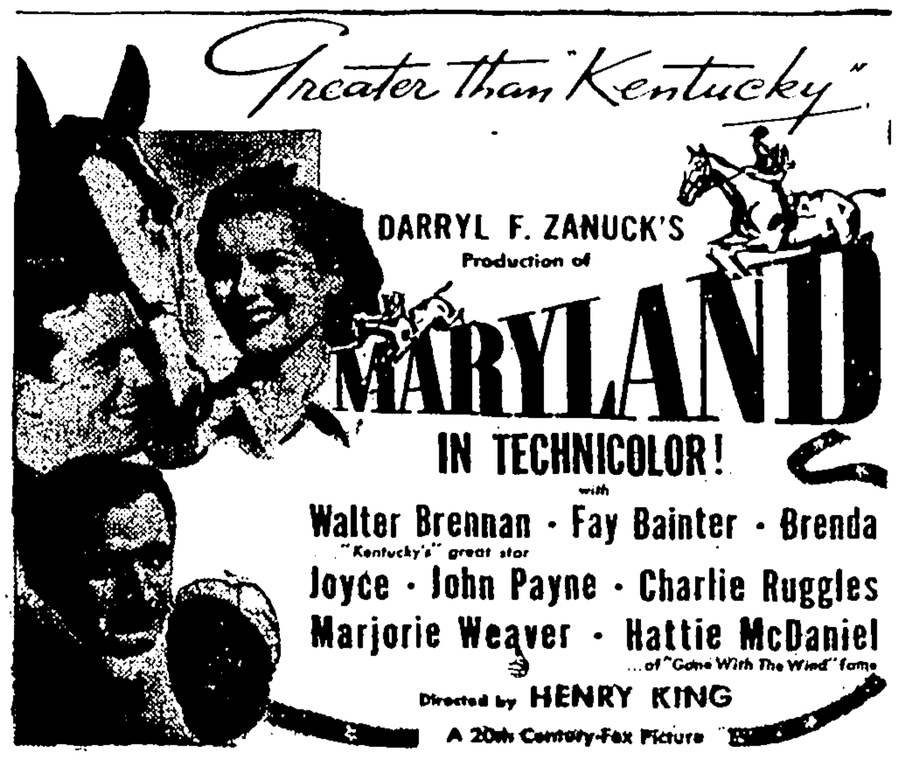

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BRITAIN'S NEW AIR POWER QUEST: PLENTY OF RESERVES

BRITAIN'S GROWING air strength was stressed by Lord Beaverbrook, Minister of Aircraft Production, broadcasting to Canada from London yesterday.

Lord Beaverbrook stated: "The strength of our reserves no longer occupies our attention. We give our thoughts rather to new types, to longer flights, to more striking power, to greater altitude and to swifter pursuit."

After appealing to Canadians to assist in keeping open the north-western approaches to Britain, Lord Beaverbrook said the price of invasion might be heavy and it was not expected that payment in full for such an adventure would be made on this side of the Channel.

No matter what happened never need Anglo-Saxons hang their heads in shame when they were told the story of Britain's battle for freedom.

Canadians would say for countless generations that they were descended from English stock that fought so valiantly.

It was a glory to be allowed to march in the great crusade for freedom under the leadership of Mr. Churchill.—Reuter.

Then — And Now

The contribution which Canada could make to the Imperial war effort during the coming months of trial was outlined by Lord Beaverbrook, who began by summarising what Britain had so far achieved.

"When the Churchill Government came to power," he said, "the people of Britain feared the effects of air raids. Now they defy them.

"Then they threw up temporary and trivial defences against invasion. Now they look from long and powerful battlements fortified with steel and cement.

"Then they lost all the equipment of their army in the disaster of the French battle. Now they have a great store of arms of every description.

"Then they had no military success on land to sustain the spirit of the nation. Now they can rejoice in a brilliant series of victories."

Canada's Part

Dealing with the part Canada could play Lord Beaverbrook stressed Britain's danger in the north-western approaches.

"There is no doubt," he said, "that the enemy intends to attack us in our ocean pathways. We shall be subjected to constant raids on our shipping.

"There will be ceaseless attacks under and over the seas. The battle will be long and bloody. The toll of tonnage will be heavy too. And it is here that Canada can bring relief to the beleaguered citadel.

"You look to the route directly from the river and harbours of Canada through the northern passages. You look down that pathway to the harbours of Britain.

"Your Charge"

"And you can make good the north-west approaches. That can be your charge.

"Help, then, to supply cargoes. Help to send food and weapons of war. Help to furnish crews.

"Devote your labours to providing the armour of battle. Gather together every kind of transport by sea which will enable us to continue the defence of this island.

"Seek the whole world over for ships. Make our sea-paths safe during the Battle of Britain." — British Wireless.

PRIMATE URGES NO REPRISALS

The Archbishop of Canterbury declared recently that reprisals for the bombing of British civilians would drag down the level of our cause and "irretrievably stain" the honour of the Government.

Presiding at the Canterbury diocesan conference, he said that indignation aroused by the callous bombing of civilians was already demanding reprisals.

It was doubtless a very natural instinct. It could be defended by many plausible arguments.

But, in truth, it would drag down the level of our cause. It was one thing to accept, as we must, that in the legitimate pursuit of military objectives some civilians were bound to suffer.

Bombed From Palace

The Archbishop said that recently some 200 of the poorest folk of Lambeth had taken shelter in the old crypt below the chapel at Lambeth Palace.

"I only wish," he said, "that Hitler and Goering could see in the astonishing patience, good humour and even cheerfulness of these people the futility of their aims."

His own sympathy with the thousands who had lost their homes was the more real because he had been bombed out of his own home at Lambeth, although the historic parts of it had so far been spared.

MOLOTOV SPEECH TO-MORROW

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

The Soviet Commissar of Foreign Affairs, M. Molotov, is expected to deliver a speech in Moscow to the Soviet Congress tomorrow (Tuesday) to define the Soviet attitude towards Japan's overtures for a non-aggression pact and the situation in Bulgaria. —International News Agency.

RUSSIA DENIES ANY PART IN PACT

The official Tass Agency in Moscow is authorised to deny that Russia had anything to do with the signing of the Turco-Bulgarian pact, as reported by a Swiss newspaper, says a Reuter cable from Moscow this morning.

CHESS ACROSS ATLANTIC

Two doctors, one in Nottingham and the other in the U.S.A., have been playing a game of chess by post for four years.

From the start Dr. H. F. Weber, a Professor of Philosophy at one of the American universities, has been in difficulties against Dr. W. B. Blandy, of Nottingham.

Dr. Blandy can now mate in two moves, but the American refuses to resign.

"Three weeks per move was about the average in peace time," Dr. Blandy said. "But since the outbreak of war it has been more like six or seven weeks.

"Latterly all our letters have been censored, and on one occasion Dr. Weber wondered if a move 'B—KR3' would be passed. He thought the censor might possibly read into it, 'Bomb on King's Road.'"

Dr. Blandy has just made his forty-fifth move, and his opponent is in check.

FIRE AT RUSSIAN CLUB

The fire brigade was summoned to the Russian Club at No. 1, Carnarvon Road at 4.45 a.m. yesterday, to extinguish a fire in the sitting room. Damage was caused to furniture.

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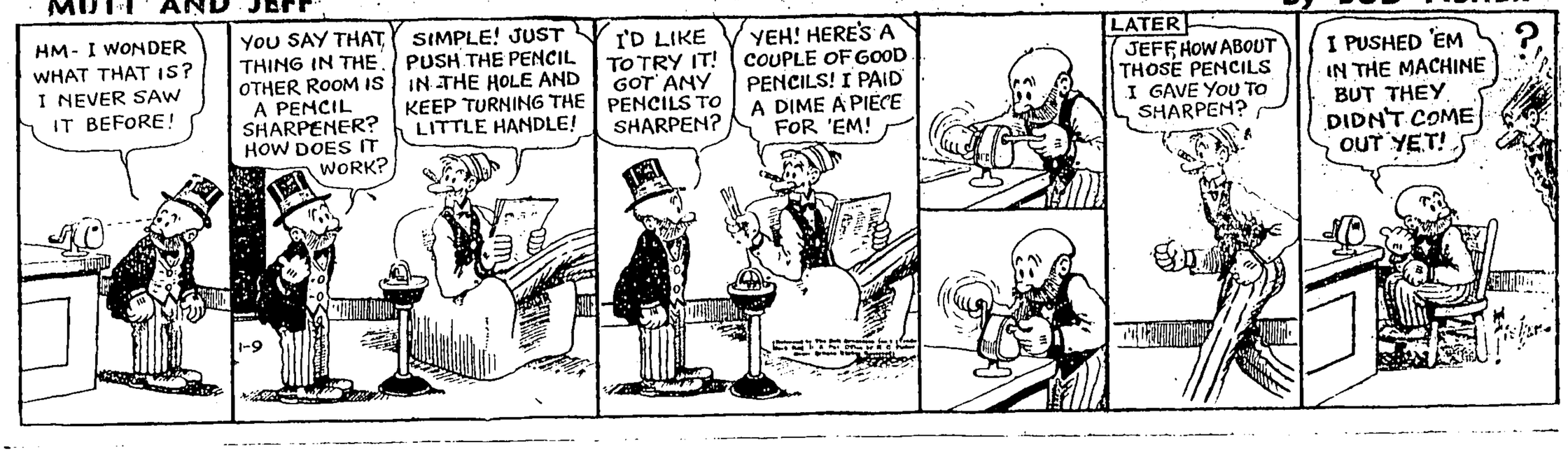

GERMAN PROFITEERS GROWING

THE SCHWARZE KORPS, THE ORGAN OF THE NAZI PARTY, COMPLAINS BITTERLY THAT "IN SPITE OF ALL THE EFFORTS OF THE PARTY TO UNITE ALL GERMANS IN ONE FAMILY, ALL THE NEWSPAPERS REVEAL DAILY INCREASING CONVICTIONS AGAINST PROFITEERS AND SHOPKEEPERS."

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THE SHEPHERD TELLS OF VISION IN SKY

(By A Special Correspondent)

OLD FRED FOWLER, sixty-six, lifted his weather-beaten face skywards and pointed west way above the highest peak of the Sussex downs.

"It be there when I see it," he said. "There in the clear blue sky. A vision they calls it — it was the like of something which I never see before."

Then he said reverently, "It be Christ I see."

Fred, who is a shepherd, lives in the village of Firle, near Lewes, Sussex.

Fred told me the strange story himself I joined him in his shelter of bracken on the down. The biting wind blew round us. His two dogs, Bob and Watch, guarded his 250 sheep.

"I never be one to see things," said Fred. "I am alone too much for that. I just have me two dogs me sheep and me missus way back at the cottage, and I goes to church on a Sunday.

"That's all I sees or knows of life; that's all I really want to see or know.

"I'd just rounded up the flock that morning—it be about eleven. I says to meself it's a nice clear day, and I looks up west at the sky.

"Then I sees it.

"It Be More Real"

"It be like what they tells me the cinema is like, but I thinks it be more real. There came a kind of panel across the sky.

"Inside the panel of white there was a cross, with Christ, his head to one side, nailed on to it.

"Round him were six angels. I counted 'em, and they wore white cloudy robes to the feet. I know it was to the feet because I even saw their feet. I even saw their toes.

"When I got to the village I knew what I had seen was really there. There were other people who had seen it, too.

"But mine's a simple life—I've just got my two dogs, my sheep and my missus and I go to church of a Sunday.

"I forgot," he smiled. "There's my pint I always have of a night.

"Sometimes though, if I think of it all now, the vision I mean, I wonders whether it really was Christ come to help put our world straight again."

Old Fred walked away into the distance with his sheep and dogs. He has never been to the cinema or even out of Sussex.

I watched him pass into the distance and I almost envied Fred.

Back in the village I confirmed his story.

There were two sisters, widows, evacuated from London, Mrs. Grace Evans and Mrs. E. M. Steer, who had seen the vision, and also a neighbour, Mrs. Stevens.

"Actually, we must have seen it a second or so before the shepherd did," Mrs. Evans told me. "Because when I first looked into the sky it was clear blue. Gradually I saw the panel of kind of white cloud appear.

"I called my sister because it looked so pretty, then all at once we saw the crucifix and Christ. I saw every detail, to the nails in his crossed feet and angels rose around him.

Held A Harp

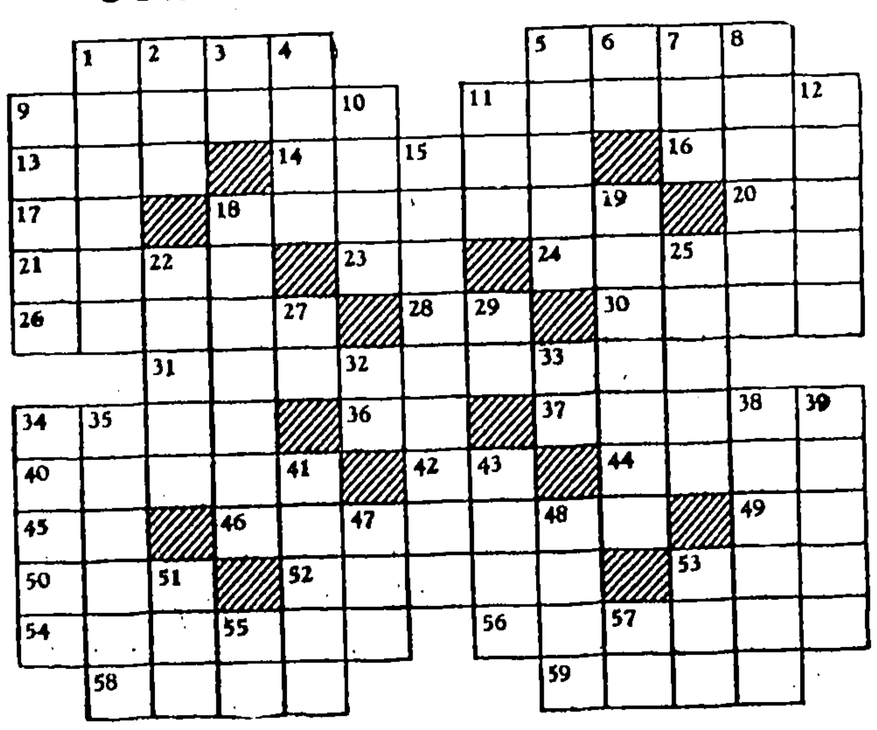
"One held a harp, another an old-fashioned pitcher with two handles. It was as clear as a picture, and then, when I had got over my surprise, I called my neighbour to see the wonderful sight.

"Yes," said Mrs. Steer, "it was so real it almost frightened me. I am not one to imagine things, and I used to smile at the story about the Angels of Mons—I always thought the soldiers who saw them imagined things, but now I can believe it."

I called to see the vicar, the Rev. A. G. Gregor.

"I saw nothing," he said, "and I think the whole thing is nonsense."

OUR 10-MINUTE CROSS-WORD



HORIZONTAL
1 To box
5 To heal
9 Moorish drum
11 Pertaining to a European mountain range
13 To attempt
14 Law; intervening
16 Girl's name
17 Note of scale
18 Large canine
20 Exists
21 Japanese aborigine
23 Symbol for tantalum
24 To sample
26 Shop
28 To depart
30 To require
31 Impending evil
34 Blind cetacean
36 Sun god
37 Sea-duck
40 States
42 Symbol for sodium
44 Serf
45 Symbol for copper
46 Ghost
49 Earth goddess
50 Wing
52 Lustrous textile fibre
53 Hebrew letter
54 Arc
56 Thick broth (var.)
58 Torn
59 Was clothed in

VERTICAL
1 Narrow passage
2 To settle
3 Hebrew month
4 Hindu religious hero
5 Fissure
6 Above
7 Inlet
8 Appendage of a branchiopod
9 Book of maps
10 For fear that
11 Tropical bird
12 Made comfortable
15 Sluggishness
18 Speaks in an undertone
19 Amateur
22 Din
25 Sows
27 Printer's measure
29 Periodic windstorm
32 Symbol for iridium
33 Compass point
34 Father of Ahlan
35 Pertaining to a portion of the soft palate
38 To join
39 Old English bailiff
41 Herring-like fish
43 On top of
47 To bring forth
48 Poetic: enough
51 Fruit drink
53 Sailor
55 Preposition
57 Toward

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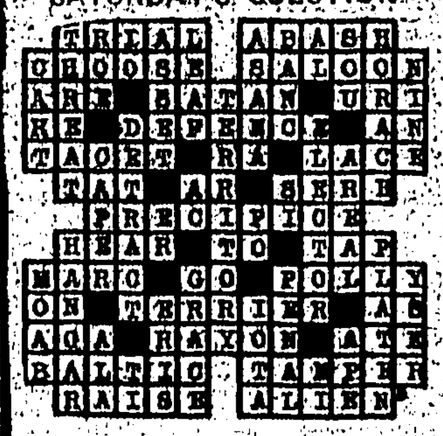

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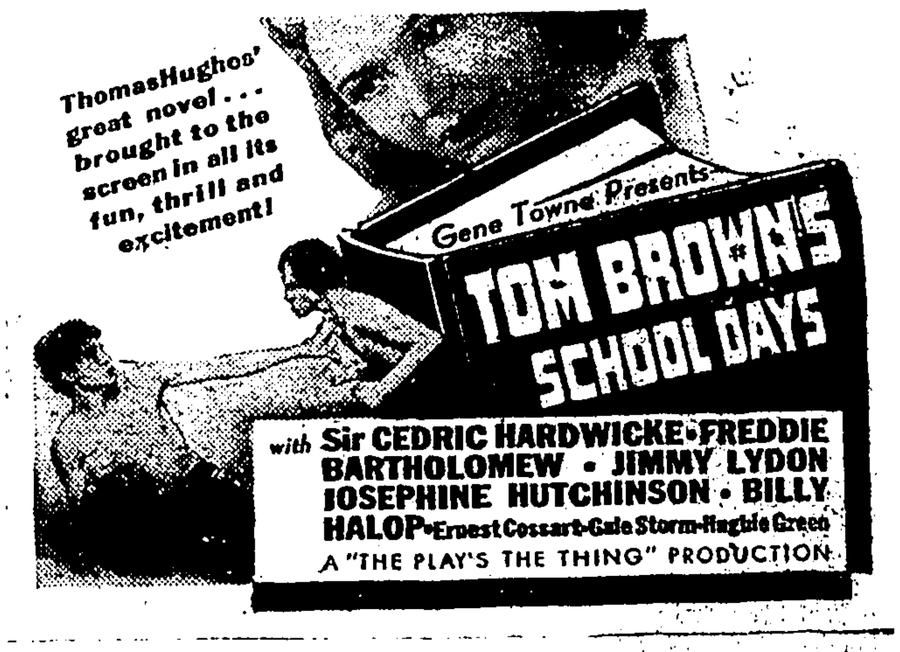

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Il Duce On The Defensive: Rests On Hitler's Power

WHILE OFFICIAL London comment on Mussolini's speech is unavailable the defensive character of the address is regarded as noteworthy in authoritative quarters.

The statement that Italy has been at war since 1935 or 1922 is, it is pointed out, clearly designed to counter criticism against the Duce and the Fascists that they led the country needlessly into war in June, 1940.

The Duce held out no prospect that Italy's position would improve by her own efforts but hope was pinned on German assistance and strength.

The Duce admitted there is no hope of reinforcing Italian East Africa and acknowledged the immense industrial potential of the United States.

As regards Mussolini's claim that heavy losses were inflicted on the British in the first four months of Italy's war, the facts are that during that period Italy lost 278 'planes beside 87 believed destroyed, while Britain lost 35 only.

Italy lost the cruiser "Bartolemeo Colleoni," five destroyers and 21 submarines, while Britain lost the light cruiser "Calypso" and a total of 10 destroyers and submarines, of both of which a great part were most likely lost through German action rather than in the Mediterranean.

Military Necessity

It is noted in London that Mussolini is now trying to justify the Greek war as an unfortunate military necessity, indicating the degree of disquiet the Greek disasters have caused Italy, and the currency of reports of a division of opinion between him and the army.—Reuter.

JAPANESE ADVICE TO BRITAIN

Britain and the United States are urged by the "Miyako Shimbun," influential Tokyo daily, to "lend an ear" to the statements made by the Japanese Foreign Minister in his press interview on Friday.

Britain and the United States are counselled to "refrain from taking any dangerous steps based on a misunderstanding or misapprehension." — Reuter.

KOWLOON BUS DRIVER FINED

Following an accident on Friday afternoon, when he knocked down a pedestrian in Shanghai Street, Li Fan, a Kowloon motor-bus driver, was fined $100 by Mr. H. C. Macnamara at Kowloon this morning for driving a bus, the brakes of which were inefficient.

Traffic Inspector Scrim said that after the accident, a test of the brakes of the bus revealed that the hand brake was useless, and the vacuum brake was leaking.

The two rear-wheel brakes were in good condition. The car stopped in 52 feet when the brakes were applied at 20 m.p.h.

SIR REGINALD HOARE OFF TO ANKARA

Sir Reginald Hoare, former British Ambassador in Bucharest, left Istanbul last night for Ankara.

Sir Reginald, who is on the way to Egypt, is expected to remain one day in the Turkish capital as the guest of the British Ambassador.—Reuter.

M. CAMPINCHI PASSES

M. Campinchi, former French Navy Minister, died yesterday at Marseilles, according to the Swiss radio quoted by Reuter.

IMPORTANT BLUE NILE TOWN TAKEN

A COMBINED FORCE of British troops and Abyssinian patriots has occupied Shogali, on the Blue Nile, in Abyssinia.

Announcing this yesterday a British communique issued in Cairo says that an enemy counter-attack was repulsed, leaving over 150 dead on the field of battle, while British and Abyssinian patriot losses were slight.

Quantities of war material and many prisoners were captured when British troops occupied Jumbo, near the mouth of the Juba River, in Italian Somaliland.

Operations east of the river continue to develop to the British advantage.

A British column is moving down the Red Sea coast from the north.

Reinforced by Free French forces from French Equatorial Africa this column is making satisfactory headway, while the British forces around Keren continue preparations for the reduction of the Italian position covering the town.

The communique adds that the situation in Libya is unchanged.—Reuter.

TROOPS WERE USING NAIL VARNISH

Girls of a London suburb were alarmed when chemists reported a heavy run on their favourite brands of colourless nail varnish.

Soldiers billeted in the district were buying up supplies. They returned with dozen of their pals to buy more.

"What do you boys do with it?" asked one chemist.

"Well, you see," was the reply, "if we clean our badges, buttons and other brass bits they only stay clean for a day. But if we clean them and then put on colourless nail varnish they stay clean for a fortnight!"

Colony's January Trade

The trade of the Colony in January maintained a high level, figures released this morning by the Superintendent of Imports and Exports reveal.

Exports at $52,858,254 were the highest since July of last year. Imports at $60,072,236, although nearly $6,000,000 lower than in December, were apart from that month, the highest since June last year.

The figures do not compare particularly favourable with January of last year when imports totalled $69,669,244 and exports $61,936,457.

The official report shows the combined values of the Colony's imports and exports of merchandise as declared during the month of January, 1941, totalled $112.9 millions (£7.0 millions).

Monthly Fluctuations

	IMPORTS	EXPORTS
1940 January	$69,669,244 (£4,299,899)	$61,936,457 (£3,822,641)
February	$52,955,896 (£3,268,378)	$42,240,504 (£2,607,031)
March	$75,669,104 (£4,660,350)	$47,987,975 (£2,955,509)
April	$72,138,17 (£4,452,278)	$59,025,507 (£3,642,981)
May	$70,250,167 (£4,901,540)	$59,026,506 (£3,650,728)
June	$69,883,504 (£4,331,321)	$56,632,500 (£3,590,415)
July	$56,037,012 (£3,510,315)	$62,392,911 (£3,867,661)
August	$53,351,425 (£3,300,677)	$37,634,213 (£2,344,935)
September	$48,025,125 (£2,976,557)	$42,817,640 (£2,653,502)
October	$51,427,716 (£3,187,447)	$51,457,961 (£3,189,322)
November	$57,027,388 (£3,590,29)	$49,437,341 (£3,064,085)
December	$65,091,331 (£4,090,088)	$51,488,838 (£3,191,235)
1941 January	$60,072,236 (£3,723,227)	$52,858,254 (£3,276,111)

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THE TIME FOR WINNING

Hitler's spoken threats by this time cannot add greatly to the world's fears, but his promises to the German people are so concentrated upon 1941 that he faces himself the major challenge of Now or Never.

Hitler has set his own goal, and the time is near when he must deliver This fast-approaching crisis is not only a deadly stress, one of the most appalling that men and women have been called to bear in all history, but it brings with it a flaming hope. If Britain holds him off, Hitler will have suffered disaster on the most bitter and undeniable scale.

Although Berlin was aflutter last summer with gay speculations whether England would fall in July or August, Hitler himself was too cagey to commit himself to a timetable. In June, right after Dunkirk, he merely promised "destruction," without dates, of the enemy in London and Paris.

On September 4 he reassured his people: "When the British say: 'He doesn't come,' my answer is: 'Keep your shirts on — he is coming.'"

His New Year's greetings to the army promised: "The year 1941 will bring consummation of the greatest victory in our history."

His anniversary speech this month predicted: "The year 1941 will be a historic year for the new European Order." He spoke of "definite bases," and "when the time comes we will launch a decisive blow. These gentlemen will realise in this historic year that we used time well." He saw 1941 as the year in which his armies "will wrest victory."

Seizure of England and ending of the war are Hitler's pledges under the contract, to be delivered this year. His victory cannot be deferred. Not to occupy and destroy the power of England, even to the eyes of the propaganda-saturated Nazi zealots, would be a failure beside which Italy's debacle would look almost like winning.

And so Hitler must throw into this boasted effort all the strength he has. His 'planes must blacken the sky, all of them. Millions of his soldiers must push into the moat of the channel, spending lives without count in order to buy success. Hitler must win, and if the assault fails, he has been defeated. No excuses! Time, after that, runs swiftly against him, and the spirit of his followers may drop to 1918 levels.

It is a desperate chance on which the world's freedom depends — this decision whether Britain now can defend her island against the gamble of 1941's Genghis Khan, who must sweep onward or perish.

It is inescapable. And it is not hopeless. The hope of the world is backed by a courage which has accomplished miracles already. Grant survival to Britain in the months just ahead, and the long lane of Hitler's conquest has reached its turning.

A Trip To Kabul

By W. Rees Harriss, M. I. J. Lond

The few travellers that from time to time make their way into Afghanistan, generally go by way of the Khyber Pass, and it was by this famous Pass that I went up to Kabul to join the staff there of the first British Embassy to Afghanistan.

Detraining at Peshawar, the railhead of the North Western Indian Railway, and the most northerly British military cantonment station in the North-West Frontier Province of India, I proceeded by motor car onwards at two o'clock in the afternoon.

For Jamrud, which guards the Indian side of the Khyber Pass, ten miles distant from Peshawar, was soon reached, and entering the Pass, followed a narrow, zigzag track, running between bleak rocks and overhanging crags.

On all sides there were signs of the ceaseless watch kept in this key to India, both to protect the Pass, and to prevent the fierce Pathan tribes that dwell in the adjoining mountains, from sweeping down on a marauding expedition into the fertile plains below.

There was but little movement, though each ridge was dotted with picquets of soldiers, and on all commanding positions could be seen forts and blockhouses cutting into the skyline.

Guardians Of Khyber Pass

Overhead, along the line of the track, ran the tireless aerial ropeway, used for transporting material for the Khyber Railway, and also to convoy food and stores to the troops watching in the farther outposts.

The present guardians of the Khyber Pass, called Khassadars, consist of an irregular force of Afridis, raised on the tribal system, the maliks (chiefs) of each tribe furnishing reliable quotas of men for this purpose.

Before the British occupation of the Khyber, the several tribes that occupied this region levied tolls on all passengers and caravans passing through their respective sections, on an average each five miles of the Pass representing a kind of independent kingdom, with fiscal autonomy.

Pass Now Quite Safe

Finally, these tribes were given an anuual subsidy equal to the amount of their yearly revenue from the tolls. At present the body of Khassadars enrolled to protect the pass, are collectively responsible for the safety of the Pass itself, and fifty yards on each side of it. The frequent blood-feuds between the various hill tribes, are not allowed to be fought out is this area. Violence and sniping have now become extremely rare, and the Khyber may at the present time be traversed with greater security than some of the London or Paris thoroughfares — by day, for the man who would venture in the Khyber Pass at night, would-ecurt almost certain death. After nightfall, even the Afridis themselves, when belated, avoid the Pass, and reach their villages by devious side paths.

Proceeding on the journey, Fort Ali Masjid was reached at 4.30 p.m. Isolated, on a small ridge above the fort, overlooked by grim and rugged mountains, was a small British cemetery where a few young officers and men, who were killed in action against the Afridis in 1919, are buried.

Panorama Of Wild Scenery

The route from Ali Masjid lay through a narrow gorge, hemmed in on all sides by overhanging rocks. The road was one tortuous, winding course, changing its direction with kaleidoscopic rapidity, and presenting an endless panorama of wild scenery, whose ruggedness and grimness filled one with a feeling of awe. Profound stillness reigned, only broken by the movement of the automobile, which rushed over the narrow, ledge-like road, now taking a sharp turn to the right, then an abrupt turn to the left, now ascending, then descending, while the track left in the rear seemed to resemble narrow streaks, one above the other, on the rocky slopes.

Landi Kotal, ten miles from Ali Majid, was reached at 6 p.m. This is a fort situated in the middle of the Pass in a large circular plain, shut in on all sides by lofty hills, at present garrisoned by English and Gurka troops.

London Street In Wilderness

As I motored into the precincts of the fortress, where I was to spend the night, a team of British soldiers was seen playing football on the plain. The soldiers in this far-flung outpost seemed to know how to make themselves at home. Another evidence of this was forthcoming when a little later on in the evening I took a stroll along the military lines. Looking at a sign post, I observed that I was in "Bond Street." Somewhat further on were "Whitehall," the "Embankment," and to crown all "L'avenue de la Grande Armee," which was given to one of the Gurka lines.

The journey was continued next morning to the frontier over the Nichni Kandao summit, and then down a descent of some 3,000 feet, a precipitous drop down the side of a steep mountain slope, into valleys which alternately broadened and contracted, and so to Landi Khana, the last British outpost, and the Afghan boundary at Torkham, which was reached at noon. A line of white stones separated British and Afghan territory, and a few yards in front of where my motor car came to a dead standstill, as Afghan sentries barred further progress, was a large signboard on which was written in bold characters in English:—"It is absolutely forbidden to cross the border into Afghan territory."

After inspection of passports, the journey was resumed.

I was now in the Independent Kingdom of Afghanistan. There was no sudden change in the landscape. To the right the Mohmand Hills stood out sharp and majestic, with their snow-clad peaks glistening in the midday sun, while to the left was the Safed Koh (White Mountains), overtowering all the hills in the foreground, and forming as far as the eye could see one long, unbroken line of white, save for a patch here and there where the snow had melted and laid bare the mountain side.

Seven miles from Torkham is Dacca, a small village in a wide valley, surrounded by a mud wall, from which the children scampered forth and shouted their salaams as the car sped past. What was particularly noticeable were the features of the young girls, which strikingly resembled the biblical types of the old Israelites, lending colour to the claim of the Afghans to be one of the ten lost tribes of Israel.

Terrific Heat

The caravan stations of Basawal, ten miles from Dacca, and of Balticot, ten miles further on, were successively passed, and Jellaabad, ten miles from the last stage, was reached at 4 p.m. where a halt was to be made for the night at the Bagh-i-Shahi (Garden of the King).

The last stage was over a comparatively wide valley, dominated by the Safed Koh on the left, and the Laghman Ridge on the right. Heavy stretches of sand here and there considerably impeded progress. It is said that in July, under the influence of the terrific heat which prevails, this sand in places becomes so hot that it is possible to cook an egg in it.

Jelalabad, famous for the defence by Sir George Sale in 1839, is situated on the Kabul river, almost midway between the Peshawar valley and Kabul. It has a permanent population of 3,000 souls, which is largely increased in the winter by an influx of tribesmen from the surrounding hills, who come down to enjoy the milder climate.

Beautiful Gardens Passed

Begh-i-Shahi was entered through a beautiful avenue of cypress trees, which led into a spacious garden, in the centre of which were the palace buildings and guest-houses.

These grounds, enclosed by a mud wall about twelve feet high, were beautifully laid out with flowers arranged in ornamental beds, and plots of fruit trees, interspersed with paths tastefully adorned with palms and ferns. Orange trees were conspicuous, and many had fruit ripening on them. There are said to be five hundred trees in the grounds, which were planted in a single day, ten each by fifty of the courtiers of the then Amir, at his order. Marble channels irrigated the grounds, drawing their water from several artificial tanks, in which fountains played.

Fiercert Tribe In Afghanistan

Resuming the journey next morning at 10 o'clock, we proceeded through a narrow valley, over a metalled road, past the walled villages of Bowali, Sultanpore and Fatehabad, each situated ten miles from one another, to Nimlah, where these is a rest-house of the Amir. A short halt was made here. It was quite an idyllic spot. The rest-house was situated in the midst of a charming old garden of the Moghul type, said to have been planted in 1610 by Shah Jehan, father of Aurangzeb, the last Moghul emperor of India, and contains some fine specimens of the chenar tree, several of which are over a hundred years old.

Nimlah is situated in the Khuggani's country, whose inhabitants are reputed to be the wildest and fiercest in the Amir's dominions. When the journey was resumed at 12.30 p.m., I was curious to get a glimpse of the people, but beyond a few children who gambolled and shouted salaams, and a few women who took a coy look at the motor from beneath their burkhas, no one was to be seen. The men folk seemed to be all absent.

The road soon became very much obstructed by camel caravans, which seemed to form continuous streams moving in opposite directions, and the car had continually to slow up, as the camels reared and jumped about in evident distress.

Nearing Jagdallak, the next stop, the road narrowed perceptibly, and steadily ascended a winding track. Range upon range of hills rose up before us, bounded by the Safed Koh on the left, and the majestic Hindu Kush in the right. The temperature fell considerably, and a keen wind sprang up, which penetrated the fur coat I wore.

Round and round the mountain paths the car zigzagged, and at moments it seemed as if we must be shot over the precipice into the gorge below. Thick ice was lying on some of the slopes, while a blinding dust, driven by the wind, considerably impeded progress, as it was difficult to see many steps in advance either man or beast. We frequently ran into the tail end of a caravan before either was aware of the presence of the other. When there would be a shouting and a scampering, the camels in their fright dashing now to one side of the narrow path, seemed for a moment to hang perilously over the ledge, and then in terror scampered to the other side, where their drivers would try to hold their heads towards the mountain slope as we motored by, in imminent risk of the camels backing and pushing us over the precipice.

World's Weirdest Place

Jagdallak, fifty miles from Jelalabad, was reached at 6 o'clock in the evening. Of all weird places in the world, it is difficult to imagine one more weird than this. A single, solitary hill rose up from a narrow valley, on one side if which was the bed of a river, almost dry, except for a few rills coursing erratically over the plain, which uniting a little farther on, disappeared into a narrow gorge. All round this plain rose up bleak and grim hills, devoid of all vegetation, some of them of the most grotesque shapes, cutting off all view of the country beyond. A place of sinister memory, for it was at Jagdallak that the fierce tribes that inhabit this district fell on the disorganised and demoralised British force that had retreated from Kabul in the winter of 1839, and literally exterminated them, only one man out of twelve thousand escaping to tell the news of the most tragic disaster that ever befell British arms.

Nightfall was already approaching, and the dark-gray clouds looked heavy with snow, as the car zigzagged round the steep ascent and finally reached the summit of the hill, which formed a small, quadrangular plateau, flanked by a low balustrade of stone, in the centre of which was a rest-house of the Amir. Here, at an altitude of 7,000 feet, the night was passed, and notwithstanding the huge log fires that burned on the open hearth of my room, the cold and pitiless winds that prevail at this time of the year made rest impossible.

Captivating Scene

Leaving Jagdallak the next morning at 9.30 a.m. we followed a winding path over the mountains, on all the slopes and summits of which lay deep snow. Immediately in front was the Lataband Range, which dominated the scene, and stood out against the horizon as a huge barrier. As we approached nearer, the Half Kotal Pass opened up. Soon a captivating panorama came into view. All around was one vast expanse of white, from which snowclad summits sprang up, forming an undulating series of white pinnicles, which stretched out row upon row until they merged in the horizon beyond. Higher and higher we ascended, until we seemed to have reached the level of the summits around. We were now on the highest point of the pass, Balutok, 8,250 feet above sea-level. From here the descent commenced, and zigzagging down through the narrow, precipitous paths, from where the snow had been cleared and piled against against the mountain side we finally emerged into the Kabul gorge.

Leaving the gorge we entered a wide plain between low-lying hills, and came to Buthak, where there is a small rest-house. After making a brief halt at this place, the journey was continued over a broad plain for about six miles to Baghrami, a shooting-lodge of the Amir, situated on the left bank of the Logar river, five miles from Kabul City, which had been appointed by the Afghan Government as the temporary residence of the British Legation, and which was duly reached at six o'clock in the evening as the setting sun dropped behind the snowy peaks of the mighty Hindu Kush.

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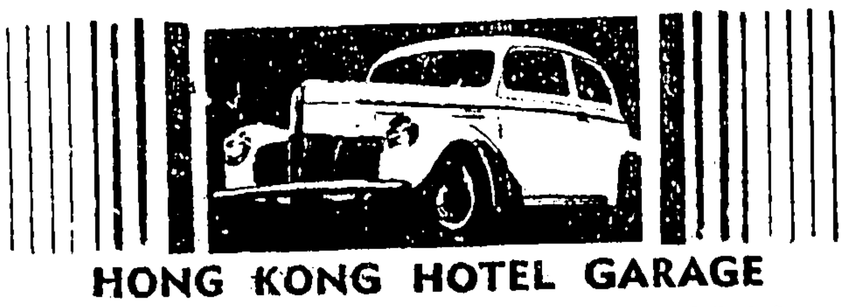

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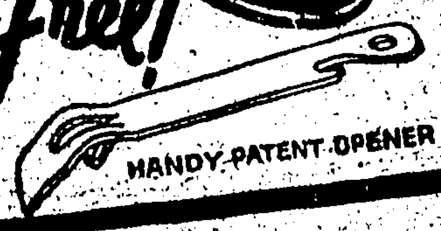

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APB1

DANISH - AMERICAN TELLS

SECRETS OF NAIZ INVASION VESSELS

AN ACCOUNT OF Germany's preparations in Denmark for raiding and invading Britain has been given by a Danish-American who has lived for the past year at Aarnus, on the Kattegat.

Several hundred invasion vessels were fitted out at that port alone last summer. Once he saw work proceeding simultaneously on 39 of these craft.

Originally fishing-boats, they were given a new deck over the entire vessel, leaving only a small hatch. Mounted amidships was an armoured revolving anti-aircraft turret gun, the crew being completely enclosed in steel.

There was accommodation for 42 men. The hull, deck and turret were camouflaged. As fast as they were completed the boats sailed for an unknown destination

Shipbuilding in Aarhus suddenly ceased a few weeks ago, presumably following the smashing of the invasion fleet by the R.A.F. It must have caused a change in German plans.

From this informant come further details of the air activity in Denmark. Soon after the occupation the Germans began to construct a big airfield at Karup on the Island of Jutland.

Airport Abandoned

Something must have upset the Nazi plans. After constant use by bombers during the summer and autumn, the airfield has now been deserted, although construction is still not completed.

Numerous aircraft are still flying over the country, but the informant was unable to ascertain their base. The whole of the western coast of Jutland is a protected area, which the Danes cannot enter or leave without special military permits. These are rarely granted.

The Danes have been forced to work for the Nazis, building ships and constructing airfields. There was much sabotage, especially at Karup, where there was one case in which a bomber's wheels were locked during the take-off.

The 'plane nosed over and airscrews were smashed. Tampering with machines became so frequent that the Germans forbade Danish airfield workers to approach aircraft under penalty of death.

Plundering Of Denmark

Directors of a heavy engineering firm near Aarhus at first refused to work for the Germans. They held out against Nazi pressure for a fortnight but were obliged to yield under the threat that the Germans would take over the works.

Even individual workers are entirely at the mercy of the Nazis. Men have been transported in thousands to Germany. If the refuse to go they do not get unemployment relief. According to figures published in Denmark 20,000 have so far been transported.

German plundering of Denmark is systematic. Every week in-calf crows are sent to Germany to relieve the Reich milk and butter shortage.

SWEDES BAN PAPER

The Gothenburg newspaper Morgonposten was confiscated because of a leading article considered likely to cause a misunderstanding with a foreign country, it was announced in Stockholm.

SHELTER TREMBLED 8 HOURS

I was in a steel shelter in the middle of the London raid.

Two minutes after the warnings had sounded, the battle started, and continued in spasms until just before dawn.

In the twilight I saw a dozen black twin-engined bombers split formation at about 8,000ft. to start the attack.

Motors screaming hideously, one dived several thousands feet and dropped the first bomb. It fell 100 yards away from me. The concussion hit me like a heavy-weight's punch.

I went to ground. From then on hell was let loose above me. Like others in the shelter, I lay flat on the floor, for more than eight hours.

Minute by minute in ghastly spasms, the steel-lined shelter trembled like an earthquake as bombs fell all around.

One, which landed twenty yards away, lifted the shelter bodily about a foot. Above me, I heard the roar of falling wreckage.

I ran up the stairs to make sure that we weren't trapped. Wreckage was piled high, but we were free.

Back in the shelter, men, women, children, white-faced and shaken, were calm. A slip of a girl of about eighteen laughed ironically and said: "A miss is as good as a mile."

COUNTERFEIT COIN ARRESTS

Lau Tin-po, 28, and Hui Loi-shing, 33, were remanded for a week by Mr. H. C. Macnamara this morning on a charge of uttering two counterfeit five-cent coins on Saturday.

Lau was additionally charged with possession of five counterfeit coins and a mould for making counterfeit coins.

Det.-Sgt. N. B. Fraser is in charge of the case.

WEATHER REPORT

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone is moving slowly eastward; it covers China and the greater part of Japan, pressure being highest over Manchuria. Depressions are situated over the Loochoos and to the north-east of Hokkaido; both are moving north-eastward.

NO GUNS, SO CAN'T SLEEP

All-clear insomnia is troubling Londoners. Going to bed instead of the shelter on night when there has been little air activity they have found to their surprise that they could not get to sleep.

Bombs and gunfire hardly disturb these people. Yet they lie awake waiting for the Alert.

"The cause is purely psychological," a London doctor told a reporter. "The same thing happens to people who have lived near a railway line and move to a quieter district.

"The mind has got used to the sound of gunfire, and people, over anxious, find themselves lying awake waiting for it to start on quiet nights."

Quiet nights are too making hundreds of other Londoners late for work.

For weeks they have unconsciously relied on the "raiders passed" signal to wake them in the morning.

It was their alarm clock.

On one morning when the—was no morning "raiders passed" they overslept.

Large scale exercises took place recently "Somewhere in England" in which 40,000 troops, including an Armoured Division, were engaged. HRH Prince Olaf of Norway, who watched the exercises is shown above. (Copyright, Fox).

SECOND BEST WILL NOT WIN

THE EMPIRE MUST BE "ALL IN," OUR SECOND BEST WILL NOT WIN THIS WAR — THESE WERE THE KEYNOTES OF A SPEECH BROADCAST BY THE AUSTRALIAN PRIME MINISTER, MR. R. G. MENZIES, FROM LONDON LAST NIGHT.

Mr. Menzies said: "The British Empire and the United States are in the vital matter of war production only beginning, while Germany must already be feeling the strain, which will not be sensibly diminished by making slaves of Italian factory hands after the collapse of the Italian military effort.

"Time, provided we use it day and night, is our ally."

Addressing the people of Britain, Mr. Menzies said: "You must never think yourselves to be alone.

"Speaking, I am sure, not only for Australia but for the whole British Empire beyond the seas, I say to you—we are in this most holy war with you.

"Everything that we have of manpower, treasure, skill or determination is pledged to work and fight for you and with you until final victory is attained and a better and juster day dawns for the world in which our children are to live."

Four Aussie Divisions

Mr. Menzies said the Australian Expeditionary Force was already an army corps of four divisions and corps troops. Thousands of men had already made their just blows heard in Rome and desired only to deliver them at Berlin.

Thousands of young Australians were entering the air war with their brothers from Britain and the Dominions, and were destined to see the Empire the just mistress of the air.

"Above all, inspired by the splendid example of the King and Queen, your spirit and ours is not merely defensive. It is not sufficient to avoid defeat.

"Between the powers of darkness and the powers of light there can be no compromise. It is no twilight world that we are seeking."—Reuter.

No Empty Words

"I have visited in the Mediterranean ships of the Royal Australian Navy which from the day war broke out have cooperated with yours in the seven seas and have by their skill and fighting qualities not subtracted from the glories of the Royal Navy.

"I have seen the Empire Air Training Scheme grow in power until it has brought into training not hundreds but thousands of young Australians who are entering the air war with their brothers from Britain and the Dominions and are destined to see the British Empire the just mistress of the air as she has been these many generations the sure protector of the seas.

"Add to these things our munitions effort which already produces twenty times our volume of production when war began and you will see that Australia's messenger brings no empty words" — British Wireless.

ITALIANS TO WORK FOR HITLER

Two hundred thousand Italian workers will arrive in Germany during the next few days, announced the German radio last night.

This news was preceded by the announcement of the arrival in Berlin of Signor Capoferri, Chief of the Fascist Labour Confederation.

The radio gave no indication of the nature of the work which the Italian visitors will do in Germany. — Reuter.

For depositing house refuse in the Harbour without permission Wong Chau, shop foki, was this morning fined $7 by Commander T. C. Stiff.

RED ARMY PROGRESS

The Soviet Red Army celebrated the twenty-third anniversary of its formation yesterday.

The occasion was marked by a speech by General Tyulenev, commander of the Moscow military district in which he extolled and attained progress made by the Army.

He claimed that the breaking of Finland's Mannerheim Line last year was an example of the high state of development of military technique.

Various new military appointments were also announced and foreign military attaches were entertained to tea by the Soviet Chief of Staff at the official residence of the Foreign Commissar.

In the newspaper "Pravda" the Deputy Naval Commissar, Admiral Iskov, writes that the Soviet Navy has formed a Danube flotilla and declares that this is the last of the Soviet Navy's developments. — Reuter.

INDIA'S RECRUITS FOR NAVY

Altogether 468 Indian boys are training for the Indian Navy near Karachi under 100 officers and instructors.

Sixty of the boys will pass out immediately after 18 months intensive training, including gunnery, engineering and wireless, while fresh batches are constantly being taken.

Reuter's special correspondent, after a visit yesterday to the training ship, was struck by the boys' discipline, efficiency and eagerness to acquit themselves creditably when drafted to the Indian Navy.—Reuter.

TAIPO ROAD CAR MISHAP

Mr. L. E. Dyke, of No. 224, Nathan Road, was driving his car, No. 4122, in Taipo Road, near Cheong Street, yesterday when a Chinese, Ng Chu, ran across the road and collided with the vehicle. The man received slight injuries to the right hip but refused to go to hospital.

THEFT AT LUGARD HALL

Mr. B. S. Chowla, of Lugard Hall, Hong Kong University, has reported the theft of some money and clothing, to the value of $23 from his room yesterday.

SHARP GREEK ATTACKS

The Greeks yesterday attacked sharply in the Skumbi and Devoli River Valleys south-east of Elbasan, says Reuter's special correspondent on the Albanian frontier.

On the extreme right activity was confined to artillery duels.

Air activity was more marked, especially by Italian 'planes, which attacked Greek positions and communications.

At midday four Savoia Marchetti's bombed the neighbourhood of Florina, a frontier area in Greek Macedonia far behind the battlefield.—Reuter.

HEROES NOT FOR PAUPER GRAVES

There will be no paupers' graves for the Civil Defence heroes who give their lives in the blitz.

Grants of £7 10s. have now been authorised to be paid to relatives of auxiliary firemen, auxiliary policemen, wardens and others who are killed, or die from injuries received in air raids.

The Government's latest "human touch" is revealed in a circular authorising local authorities to make the grants.

Heartaches

Numerous protests have reached the Government about the treatment meted to widows of men who have lost their lives.

An officer at an East London section said: "The Government would have made the grants ages ago if they had appreciated the heartaches that have been caused.

"In the big fires in the East End at the beginning of the blitz, some of the men who lost their lives had families who were too poor to give them a decent burial.

"If we hadn't had a 'whip round, those fine fellows would have gone to paupers' graves."

IN DANGER of Breakdown

There are many people who are on the verge of a nervous collapse. The stress of modern life is alone a great strain on the nervous system, and when, in addition, there is some extra worry, shock, or an illness, it is not surprising that the nerves give way. As the nervous system governs the whole body, it follows that nervous disturbances cause acute distress. Among the symptoms usually experienced by sufferers are insomnia, failure of memory, irritability, headaches, lack of appetite, and severe depression.

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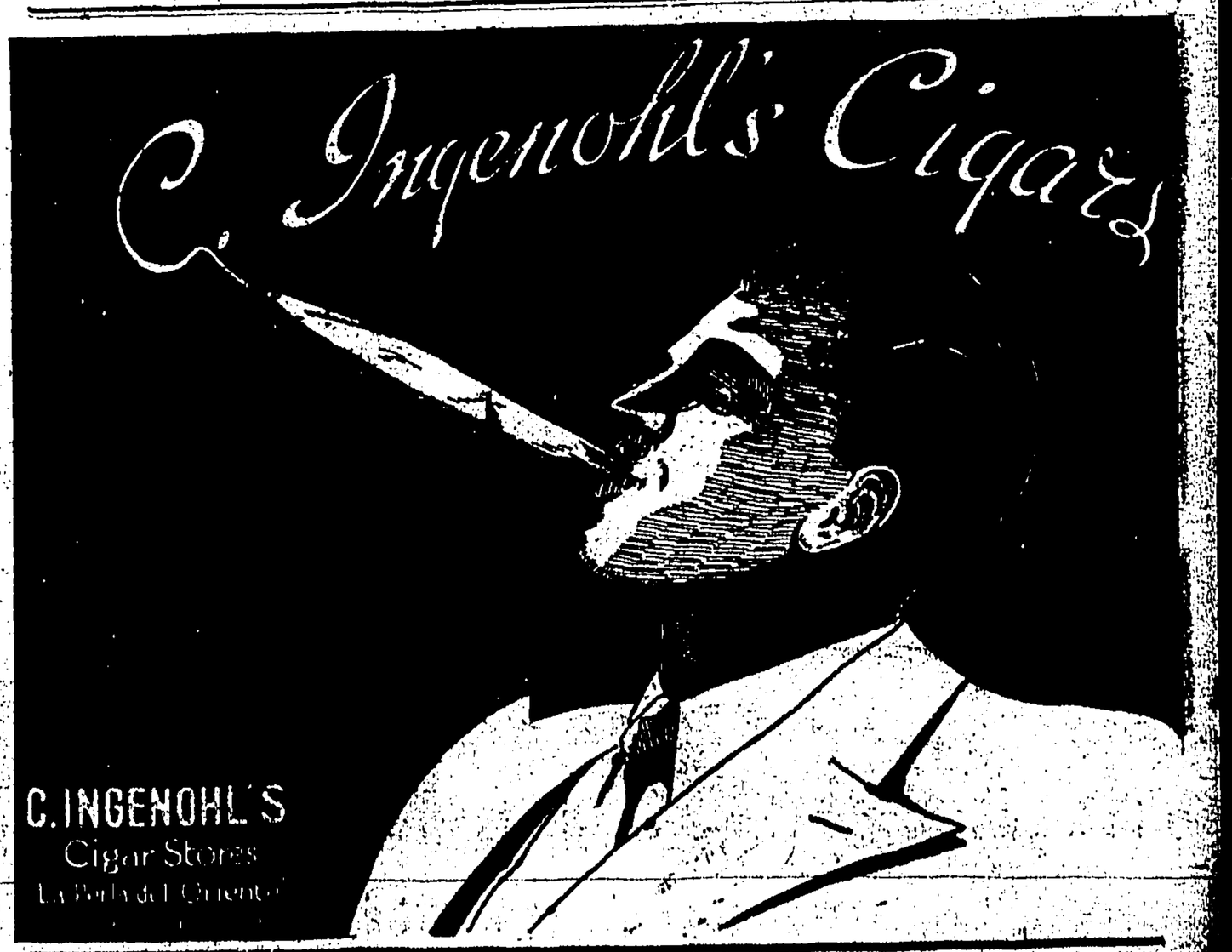

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

BANK HOLIDAY.

THE EXCHANGE BANKS will OPEN at 9.30 A.M. and will CLOSE at 12 NOON for the Transaction of Exchange Business on TUESDAY, the 25th February, 1941. (Race Meeting).

Hong Kong, 22nd Feb., 1941.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

NOTICE

It is hereby notified that the following increases in the Company's standard charges will be made for current consumed in respect of accounts issued for meters read on and after 21st March 1941: -

1. For Lighting from 15 cents to 16 cents per unit.
2. For Power and Heating from 5 cents to 5½ cents per unit.
3. The discount of 10% on Power accounts in excess of 1,000 units per month will be discontinued.

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The Register of Shares of the Corporation will be closed from Thursday, the 13th February to Wednesday, the 26th February, 1941 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.
V. M. GRAYBURN,
Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 7th February, 1941.

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Notice to Shareholders

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE FORTY-THIRD ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF THIS COMPANY will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on FRIDAY, the 28th February, 1941, at 11.00 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1940.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from Wednesday, the 19th February, 1941, to Friday, the 28th February, 1941, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.
C. M. MANNERS,
Secretary & Manager.
Hong Kong, 12th Feb., 1941.

THE BANK OF EAST ASIA, LIMITED

NOTICE is hereby given that the TWENTY SECOND ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of this Company, will be held at the Registered Office of the Company No. 10, Des Voeux Road Central, on SATURDAY, the 8th March, 1941, at 2.00 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1940.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be closed from Saturday, 1st March, 1941 to Saturday, 8th March, 1941 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.
KAN TONG PO,
Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 20th February, 1941.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the Fifty-second Ordinary Yearly Meeting will be held at the Company's Registered Office, 4th Floor, P. & O. Building on THURSDAY, 20th March, 1941 at 11 a.m. for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1940 and electing Directors and Auditors.

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The tiffin interval will be after the fifth race on the third and fourth days.

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Members are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

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Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the Race Course.

The Secretary's Office, 1st floor, EXCHANGE BUILDING, (Tel. 27794) WILL CLOSE AT 9.45 a.m. ON THE FIRST FOUR DAYS, and at 11.45 a.m. ON THE FIFTH DAY.

A limited number of tiffins will be obtainable each day at the Club House, provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy, (Tel. 21920).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is $2.00 per day including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

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Bookmakers, Tic Tac men, etc., will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of The Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

Tiffins will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

SERVANTS' PASSES

Passes for Servants will be issued to Private Box holders ONLY on application to the Secretary, 1st floor, Exchange Building.

Any persons found loitering with Servants' passes in their possession will forfeit the same and will be removed from the Enclosure.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
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BRIDGE SWINDLES — NO. 27

By The Four Aces

Probably the best known conventional lead at Bridge is that of the King from a suit headed by either Ace-King or King-Queen, but there are circumstances in which that lead should not be made. For example:

South, Dealer
Neither side vulnerable

	♠ 7 4 ♡ A 9 4 ◇ 9 5 4 ♣ A Q J 8 4	
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	♠ A K Q J 10 ♡ K 6 ◇ Q 10 7 ♣ 10 9 3	

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
4♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

West opened the Queen of hearts, dummy winning with the Ace. Declarer then drew three rounds of trumps and finessed the ten of clubs around to East's club King. It was at this point that East had to cast convertions to the winds.

HIGH CARD VALUES OF THE FOUR-ACES SYSTEM
ACE ... 3
KING ... 2
QUEEN 1
JACK ... ½
TOTAL VALUE OF EACH SUIT ASSEMBLED HAND 6½

South's insistence on a spade contract made it perfectly clear that he had the two unplayed trumps. It was also clear that he held the heart King, for West would not have led the heart Queen from a holding headed by both King and Queen. Finally, four club tricks for South were in plain sight.

The only chance to defeat the contract lay in taking three diamond tricks at once — before South could regain the lead and discard on the clubs. And East's best chance to get three diamond tricks was to lead the three of diamonds! Any diamond lead would be all right if West had the Queen, of course, but the deceptive low lead was vital if South had the Queen.

As it happened, South did have the Queen of diamonds; but he naturally finessed the ten. West won with the diamond Jack and returned the suit, whereupon East's top diamonds defeated the contract.

* * *

Saturday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you held:

♠ A Q 6 3
♡ 8
◇ A J 7 6 4
♣ K 10 2

The bidding:

Schenken	You	Maier	Jacoby
1♡	Dbl.	1♠	Dbl.
Pass	(?)		

ANSWER: Pass. Your partner's double is for penalties, and with your strength in spades you are perfectly willing to cooperate in defence against the spade bid. You should be pretty sure that the spade bid is a "psychic," and your partner's double exposes it.

Score 100% for pass, 0 for any other bid.

Question No. 647

To-day you hold the same hand, and the bidding continues:

Schenken	You	Maier	Jacoby
1♡	Dbl.	1♠	Dbl.
Pass	Pass	2♡	Pass
Pass	(?)		

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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"REMIT TAX ON BLACK-OUT"

Owing to purchase tax, black-out materials have become more expensive, says Mr. Alfred Edwards (Lab., Middlesbrough, E.) and he is to ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer if, in the interests of national safety, he will take steps to remit the tax on bona fide black-out sales.

When Aviatrix Alice was asked what her speed record was she said she hoped to *make* a *male* a minute.

"CHARS" WIVES OF OFFICERS

Mr. E. W. Salt, Conservative M. P. for Yardley, Birmingham, states that so inadequate are their Army allowances, that he has found the wives of young officers having to work as charwomen and living in slum conditions.

He will raise the matter in Parliament.

Bringing Up Father By George MacManus

A PAGE FOR WOMEN

From appetizer to dessert this Dinner has FLAVOUR

Dorothy Greig

Under the appetizing browned potato top is tender veal and vegetables in savory mushroom gravy.

WHEN it comes to sheer enjoyment of food, it is flavor that counts most.

Food may be healthful and nutritious but if it is flat and flavorless the family either pecks at it with slow reluctance or gobbles it fast to get it over with.

But present the same food seasoned with skill, cooked with loving care and the family eats it with honest relish, leaves the table in a contented glow, well fortified to face the world.

It is no wonder, then, that we keep ever on the alert to add to our knowledge of how to bring out the best in food, how to season for the utmost in flavor.

In the dinner outlined below, two of the dishes offer a new way to enhance flavor. First, however, here's the menu itself. It starts off with a bright appetizer.

Tomato Juice
Veal Pie with Mushroom Sauce, Potato Cover
French Style Onions
Buttered Spinach
Gingerbread with Foamy Sauce
Coffee *Milk*

Now that veal pie . . . simple to make as you will notice. But it has an extra plus touch—condensed cream of mushroom soup. The soup makes the gravy creamy, adds tender slices of fresh mushrooms and steps up the whole flavor of our pie.

Veal Pie with Mushroom Sauce, Potato Cover

1 tablespoon fat, melted
1 pound veal, cut in one-inch squares
2 cups water
1 slice onion
1 teaspoon salt
Pinch of pepper
3 medium carrots (cut in wedge pieces 1¼ inches long)
2 tablespoons flour (mixed with ¼ cup cold water)
1 can condensed cream of mushroom soup
2 cups seasoned mashed potatoes

Cook the veal in the melted fat until golden brown. Add water, onion, and seasonings and simmer until veal is nearly tender about 1¼ hours, then add carrots and continue cooking 20-30 minutes. Add thickener and cook five minutes longer. Empty the cream of mushroom soup into a saucepan and stir well, add some of the hot sauce from the meat to it and heat. Then combine all together. Pour into a casserole, spread mashed potatoes over the top and bake in a hot oven (450° F.) for 20 minutes. Serves 5-6.

Onions often make our eyes water. Cook them in condensed consommé and sprinkle with cheese—and this time they will make our mouths water instead.

French Style Onions

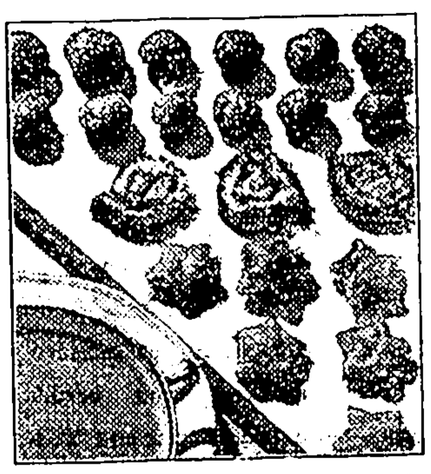
5 cups small silver-skinned onions
1 can condensed consommé
Pinch of pepper
3 tablespoons grated cheese (sharp)

Heat the consommé to boiling, add onions and cook until tender, about 40 minutes. Then add pepper and grated cheese just before serving. Serves 5.

Serve with Soup

by Dorothy Greig

"LITTLE SHOW-OFFS" is my own private name for these fancy bites. I spring them on the family on special occasions such as birthday or holiday dinners. They're fun to make and even more fun to eat. And add a gala air to the serving of good hot soup at any time.



Of course, they are marvelous for company dinners, too.

Toast Stars

Cut star shapes out of bread with star cookie cutters. Toast one side under broiler. Then spread the untoasted side with softened butter and toast that side a light golden brown under the broiler.

Pinwheels

¼ cup butter
½ cup sharp cheese, grated
2 tablespoons chopped parsley
1 teaspoon prepared mustard
1 tablespoon catsup
1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
Bread slices

Cream the butter and cheese together, mix well and add the other seasonings. Slice the bread (preferably day old) about ⅛ inch thick. Spread generously with the cheese mixture. Roll like a jelly roll and fasten with toothpicks. Wrap in waxed paper and chill for ½ hour or longer. Just before serving, cut off in ¼ inch slices and toast under the broiler until a delicate golden brown. Makes 36 pinwheels.

Cheese Balls

½ cup butter
½ cup grated sharp cheese
½ cup dry bread crumbs
Yolk of one egg

Combine butter and cheese and mix until creamy. Then add bread crumbs and egg yolk. Form into balls about the size of a small marble. Roll in crumbs and fry in hot fat.

Beauty Routine

Your weekly schedule should include a facial, a thorough scalp treatment including lubrication if your hair is dry, a long luxurious hour in the bathroom taking care of those personal details of nice grooming. Daily, I urge you to keep up the good work of brushing your hair, cleansing your skin well, exercising and watching your menus! Brisk weather makes your skin and hair more dry so you will have to take extra precautions in protecting them with creams and ointments.

To Clear Skin

Eat plenty of fresh fruits and fresh vegetables, whole grain cereals and drink your milk. Buttermilk is excellent for skin clearing so try to take a glass of it each day. Cut out at once all rich desserts and sauces, and those in between snacks at an ice-cream parlour. Regular meals at regular hours, and eating the right things will bring you better health.

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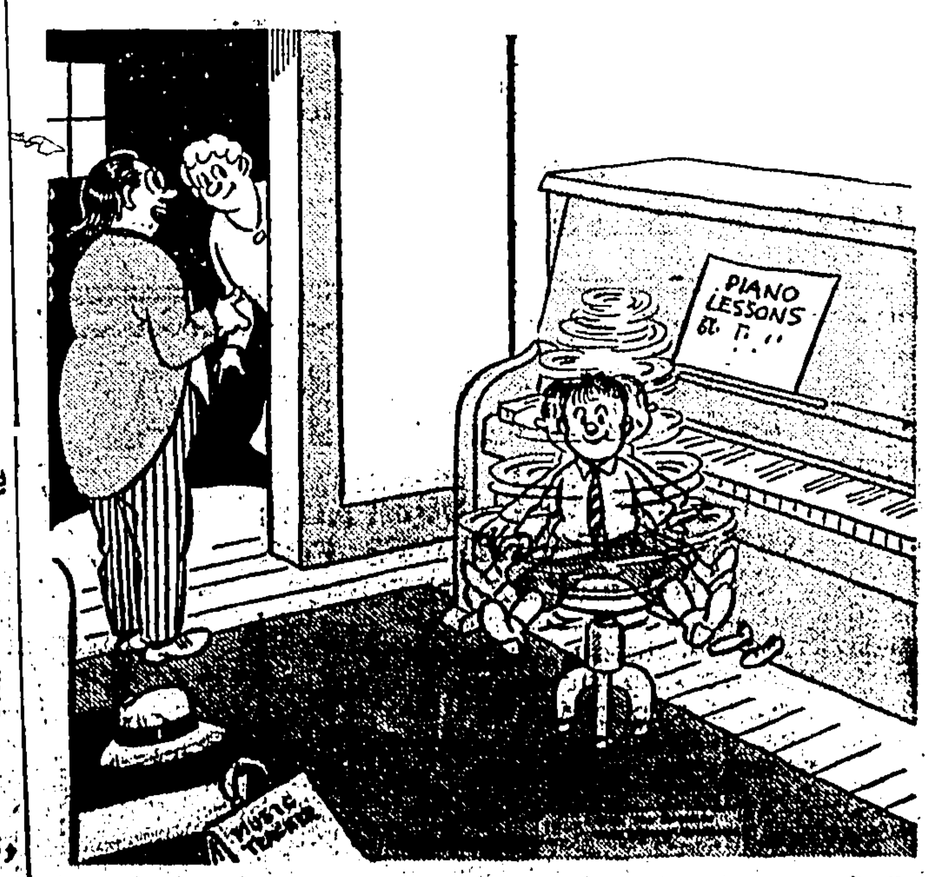

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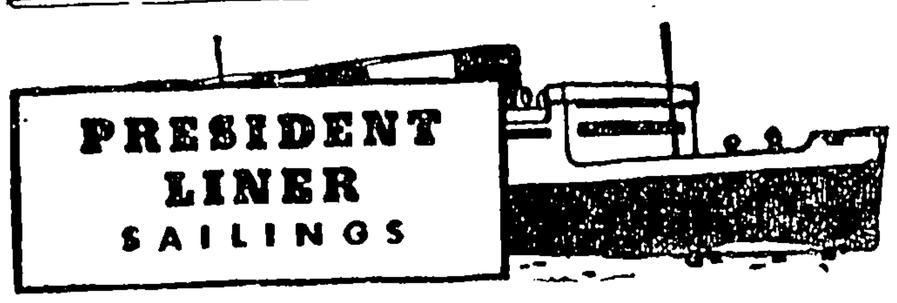

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1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press. Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.45 p.m.—Raie Da Costa at the Piano.
1.55 p.m.—Hawaiian Vocal Selections.
2.15 p.m.—Close Down
5.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.
6.30 p.m.—Closing local Stock Quotations.
6.32 p.m.—Musical Comedy Selections.
7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
7.15 p.m.—London Relay—A Talk.
7.30 p.m.—Grieg—Peer Gynt Suite, No. 2, Op. 55.
7.45 p.m.—Studio—An appeal for Volunteers for the Police Reserve by the Hon. Mr. C. G. Perdue, Acting Commissioner of Police.
7.50 p.m.—Grieg—Elegiac Melodies, Op. 34.
London Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Eugene Goossens.
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—This week's programmes.
8.07 p.m.—Tangos.
8.15 p.m.—London Relay—'Hi, Gang!'
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9.15 p.m.—London Relay—'Questions of the Hour.'
9.30 p.m.—Variety.
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LAND INVESTMENT CO. MEETING

Plans for future extension of Windsor House were mentioned at the Ordinary general meeting of shareholders of the Hong Kong Land Investment and Agency Campany, Limited, held at noon at the offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson Company.

The Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson presided, and those present included Mr. A. H. Compton, the Hon. Mr. T. E. Pearce, Mr. A. Raymond, Mr. S. T. Williamson and the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo (Directors), Mr. O. Eager (Secretary), and Messrs. J. A. Tarrant, B. C. Field, M. H. Lo, Lyon, A. A. Bremner, Geo. W. Grey, G. P. Charlton (shareholders).

The Chairman said:

Gentlemen,—The amount at the credit of Profit and Loss Account is $294,438.71 less than for 1939 and this difference is readily explained by four items — fewer Property Sales, the first appearance of War Taxation, a special donation to the successful War Fund inaugurated by The South China Morning Post, Ltd., and a drop in the profit of the Gloucester Hotel.

All these total $338,539.07 which shows that the actual property business of your Company is on the increase.

Sales naturally vary from year to year, War Taxation and donations are payments that can be met with no dissentient voice whilst the falling away of trade in the Gloucester Hotel was only to be expected under existing conditions. The decrease in this latter is $65,165.49 all coming within the last half-year's working.

Office Demand

Throughout the year under review, office space has been in steady demand and at odd times only have any rooms been without tenants. Windsor House is now completed except for the ground-floor and I am glad to say that the entire area was let at reasonable but remunerative rates some months before the roof was reached. Your rent revenue has been added to further by the purchase of No. 11 Queen's Road, Central, a most valuable property and your Company now owns the north side of Queen's Road from Marina House to No. 7, both buildings included.

It is intended to redevelop Nos. 11 & 13 Queen's Road, Central, as an extension to Windsor House but careful consideration is necessary having in mind the present difficulty of obtaining various constructional materials, the cost and the prospective need in the near future of office areas.

There are three Sales to record. No. 298 The Peak, a private residence standing by itself, and two small lots of Chinese tenements—Nos. 20/26 Johnston Road and Nos. 250/268 Wanchai Road; the profits obtained have been transferred to General Reserve as customary.

Mortgage Position

In respect of Mortgages, the Chairman last year spoke of their satisfactory position and it has been found possible to transfer $60,000. back to General Reserve as shewn in the figures before you. Your Company's final interest is in a block of four Chinese tenements and a further write-back is anticipated when these are sold ultimately.

In the Profit and Loss Appropriation Account you will see that an Interim Dividend of $1. per share was decided upon by your Board which, though 25 cents lower than last year, was considered advisable in view of the uncertain state of the world to-day. A Final Dividend of $1.50, the same as for 1939, is recommended which I trust will be found satisfactory by Shareholders especially remembering the extra items on the debit side of the Accounts which I have mentioned already.

On the present basis, War Taxation is the equivalent of approximately 35 cents per share.

There is a slight increase in the proposed carry forward to take up the small balance of the amount available for distribution after having added $10,000. to the transfer to General Reserve bringing this latter figure up to $6,400,000.

Mr. J. A. Tarrant seconded the adoption of the report, which was carried unanimously.

Mr. A. H. Compton and the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo were re-elected as Directors and Messrs. Linstead and Davis, were reappointed auditors.

Soldiers of a British mechanised unit smilingly endeavouring to overcome the language problem in Greece. (Copyright, Fox).

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COMPULSORY SERVICE TRIBUNAL

It is announced that a public session of the Compulsory Service Tribunal will be held on Friday, 28th February, 1941, at 9 a.m. in the Council Chamber, Colonial Secretariat.

SALVAGED GEMS STOLEN

For seven weeks the owner and staff of a London West End jeweller's shop spent several hours a day patiently sifting the wreckage of the shop—hit by a bomb—to salvage some of the stock.

Much of the jewellery, worth thousands of pounds, was beyond recovery or repair. But with what was salvaged Mr. Yeo, head of the firm, opened up in another West End thoroughfare.

When Mr. Yeo, and his staff arrived at their new premises, they found a gaping hole in the "peep window." It had been stripped clean of the jewellery.

Smash-and-grab raiders, under cover of the noise of the barrage, had completed the dirty job Hitler's airmen set out to do.

"Hanging is too good for these rats who take advantage of air raids to rob people who are trying to keep their staff in employment and to carry on," Mr. Yeo told a reporter.

"The Germans will never break the spirit of the West End business man, but these thieves, who prowl around in raids, come near doing it.

"It is going to be difficult for us now—but I suppose we must do the best we can."

BARRED BY MISTAKE

Mr. Herbert Morrison, Home Secretary, admitted with regret in Parliament that by a mistake several railwaymen had been refused membership of the Home Guard by a railway company owing to a secret report of the police.

He said that there is, from the police point of view, no objection to the enrolment of these men.

18 SAILORS RAISE £90

First action of the crew of eighteen of a Norwegian tramp which berthed at an English port was to "pass the hat round" among themselves as soon as they had drawn their pay, to help to buy Britain a fighter 'plane. They raised £90.

POLICE RESERVE APPEAL

Sir,—I have the honour to request that you be good enough to give publicity to the following appeal on behalf of the Police Reserve.

The Police Reserve is one of the Civil Defence organisations of this Colony. It is different from other Auxiliary Organisations in that it has been in existence since 1927 and that its members have frequently been called upon for duty at various times since that year. In case this Colony is subjected to attack the Police Reserve will perform an important function in supplementing the strength of the regular Police Force.

The strength of the Police Reserve has already risen from a total of 343 in January 1940 to a total of 966 at the present time.

In view of the heavy task which would fall on the Police Force should hostilities extend to this Colony it is desired to increase the Police Reserve to a total strength of 1,500 as soon as possible.

The Reserve is composed of the Chinese Company, Indian Company, the Flying Squad and the Emergency Unit. The last three have already almost reached maximum strength and the increase now proposed in the Police Reserve must therefore be achieved mainly by an increase in the strength of the Chinese Company.

I appeal therefore to all young men of Chinese race who have not yet joined one or other of the Colony's Civil Defence organisations to come forward and take their share in the defence of the Colony by joining the Police Reserve. Young men who are keen on games and an outdoor life will find the Police Reserve work attractive. I appeal also to all employers, both European and Chinese, to encourage Chinese young men in their employ to volunteer for the Police Reserve, and where necessary to grant them facilities for training and duty. In present circumstances this should not involve any interference with their normal work as both training and duty are carried on outside office hours.

The training for the Police Reserve is divided into three parts:

Part I—Squad Drill.

Part II—Knowledge of Police duty.

Part III—handling and firing of revolvers.

After training the work of Police Reservists is similar in all respects to that of members of the regular Police Force. Police Reservists are now doing duty to supplement the regular Police Force.

Applications to join the Police Reserve should be addressed to the Deputy Commissioner of Police Reserve who will be glad to supply any further information required.

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HOCKEY

MACAO DOWN AT HALF-TIME UNLUCKY NOT TO BEAT RECREIO

By "Sportshawk"

HANDICAPPED by the slippery ground and strong gusts of wind against them in the first half, at the end of which period they were being one goal down, Macao Hockey Club recovered magnificently on the resumption to draw with Club de Recreio in a hockey match at King's Park yesterday afternoon, four goals being shared.

Macao were without the services of their captain, Laertes Costa, who is on the injured list, while E. L. Gosano was an absentee from the local Portuguese team, owing to an injury sustained in a softball game earlier in the afternoon.

Outstanding Players

Two men stood out in the local team. They were W. A. Reed, the back, and B. T. Gosano, centre-forward. The former was all over the field, intercepting well and giving good support to his forwards, while Gosano ably led the attack throughout.

The home team's defence was better served by J. Gonsalves, who cleared with power and showed clever anticipation. J. Soares played a hard game on the right-wing.

Almada, for the visitors, was the better custodian bringing off some remarkable saves in the course of the game and, at one time dealing effectively with two shots in quick succession attempted by the local leader, B. Gosano.

The best department in the visitors' team was their intermediate, line in which J. Nolasco, Alex Airosa and Trigo Silva, all did very well, particularly the pivot, Alex Airosa, who showed brilliant stickwork.

Albert Airosa and P. Angelo combined well in the attack for the visitors and were always dangerous while F. Nolasco, the left-wing, played a sound game but was too often caught off-side.

Recreio Starts Well

Play was in favour of Recreio for almost the entire opening period, in which the visitors were only allowed to launch occasional raids.

Recreio attack strongly from the whistle but were unable to score until the middle of the first half when J. Fonseca drew first blood from a scrimmage. The home team managed to hold this lead until the interval.

On the resumption, R. Rosario took over Ferreiro's position at left-back, and G. Silva replaced F. Ramalho at inside-left while Ferreiro moved out to release Trigo Silva on the left-half.

These changes made a noticeable difference, for Silva strengthened the attack considerably and combined excellently with P. Angelo.

Macao adopted central attack tactics and equalised through P. Angelo from a pass from G. Silva, and took the lead through Albert Airosa.

Goal Disallowed

Macao again applied pressure and F. Nolasco, cutting through sent the ball to P. Angelo, who netted. This goal was however, disallowed owing to off-side.

About five minutes from the end, B. Gosano scored the equaliser for the homesters as the result of a solo effort, the game thus ending in a draw.

It is understood that Macao will pick their Interport team from the 13 players on view yesterday, and their captain and Laertes Costa.

RECREIO—H. Gonsalves, R. Marques and J. Gonsalves, P. Yvanovich, W. A. Reed and A. N. Alves, J. Soares, J. N. Gosano, B. G. Gosano, F. X. Sequeira and J. Fonseca.

MACAO—Almada, Bacto and Ferreiro (R. Rosario), J. Nolasco, Alex Airosa and Trigo Silva (Ferreiro), F. Nolasco, Albert Airosa, P. Angelo, F. Ramalho (G. Silva) and R. Angelo.

COLONY TEAM PRACTICE

The Interport Probables will play another practice game with a British Army XI on the Club ground to-morrow, commencing at 5 p.m.

Following are requested to be present:—V. M. Benwell, V. C. Bond and J. Gonsalves; R. A. Marques, W. A. Reed and N. B. Whitley, T. Whitley, G. Singh, B. Gosano, H. L. Ozorio and W. Brown.

Reserves:—W. Parker, E. Fowler, D. Smith, A. E. P. Guest and A. N. Alves.

ENTRIES CLOSE ON SATURDAY

Although only one week remains before the closing date of entries for the Colony Lawn Tennis Championships, Mr. A. K. Mackenzie, Hon. Secretary of Hong Kong Cricket Club, under whose auspices the tournament is conducted, told the "China Mail" on Saturday that very few entries had been received to date.

It is learned, however, that T. Umetani, the Japanese star who made such a promising debut last year, intends to enter the singles event and he is looking for a partner for the doubles.

With no new blood in the Colony it appears likely that the current year's tournament will follow much the same lines as those conducted in the last two years.

PRESENTATION TO CAPT. PEAL

A very pleasent function took place at Hong Kong Football Club last Sunday after the Final of the Lai Wah Cup game when Mr. W. Pryde, a vice-president of Hong Kong Football Association, on behalf of the Council of the Association, made a presentation to Captain A. W. F. Peal, who is terminating his connection with the Association owing to his impending departure. He has also relinquished the posts of Army Representative on the Council and Hon. Secretary of Army Area Sports Board.

The presentation took the form of a silver cigarette case suitably inscribed.

Francis Noodt, Shanghai jockey who is sharing the rides for the Cire Stable with Chris Moller, states that he first learned how to ride by getting hold of "any old horse" he could. Hack or carriage ponies were the same in providing him with his early mounts, and the "training gallops" were usually held in the then main street of Shanghai—the road which led to the Kiangwan Race Course, across the old railway track.

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NEW POLICE TALENT

G. V. White, latest addition to Police Recreation Club cricket team, has only been in the Colony about a month but he has already made his presence felt in the Junior Division of the Cricket League.

White formerly played for St. George's Club, which figured prominently in the Cricket Club Conference matches in London, and is a useful right-hand medium leg-break bowler. He has not quite found his real form yet, but when he does he should get in amongst the wickets frequently. He is exceptionally fast at cover-point and has a very safe pair of hands.

White also plays tennis, football and squash, but he intends to concentrate on cricket. As usual with new arrivals here, he is at present finding the light a little troublesome.

LARGE UNITS LEAGUE

Further results in the Large Units Hockey League are as follows:—

4th Round

5th R.A. Regt.	3	Combined S.U.	2

5th Round

12th (H) Regt. R.A.	3	R.E.	0
Middlesex Regt.	5	Punjab Regt.	1

6th Round

12th (H) R.A.	2	Royal Scots	1
Middlesex Regt.	4	8th (H) Regt.	0

7th Round

Rajput Regt.	1	8th (H) Regt.	0
Middlesex Regt.	4	12th (H) Regt.	2
R.E.	5	H.K. Regt. H.K.S.R.A.	2

8th Round

Middlesex Regt.	9	5th A.A. Regt. R.A.	0

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
Middlesex	8	7	1	0	15
12th (H) Regt.	7	3	3	1	9
Rajput Regt.	5	3	2	0	8
5th A.A. Regt.	5	2	2	1	6
8th (H) Regt.	7	2	1	4	5
H.K.S.R.A.	5	1	2	2	4
Punjab Regt.	5	1	2	2	4
R. Scots	6	1	1	4	3
C.S.U.	4	0	2	2	2
R.E.	6	1	0	5	2

If it is not possible to decide on points alone which two teams will compete in the challenge match for the Garrison Cup, the choice will fall on the team with the greater number of wins; or, failing that, the better goal ratio.

RAPIER'S SELECTION FOR TO-DAY

Race No. 1
KING'S FLIGHT
BUGLE
STRATHALBYN
Outsider:—Lex Fori.

Race No. 2
PALBER
GLOSSYLIGHT
EVE OF DECEPTION
Outsider:—World Fair View.

Race No. 3
DISTANT VIEW
NOMINE POENAE
FLEETWING
Outsider:—Hascossay.

Race No. 4
CONFUSION BAY
EVE OF HARVEST
SPICYLIGHT
Outsider:—White Diamond.

Race No. 5
VENUS BAY
CHEERFUL STAR
CATTERICK BRIDGE
Outsider:—Centre Court.

Race No. 6
SANTA-ANITA
CORSAIR
HAPPY RETURNS
Outsider:—Twinkling Star.

Race No. 7
EVE OF PEACE
EVE OF HUNTING
SYLVANDALE
Outsider:—Scenic View.

Race No. 8
UNITED EXPRESS
MANHATTAN
ENDEAVOUR
Outsider:—Vitamin M.

Race No. 9
FAR VIEW
LANCASHIRE CHIPS
VICEROY
Outsider:—Australian Diamond.

Race No. 10
ORACLE
PRAIRIE VIEW
MARSH WARBLER
Outsider:—Vis Major.

Race No. 11
OOLONG
VELVETLIGHT
CHARLESBER
Outsider:—Iron Beauty.

Race No. 12
FRESH AIR
NEWBORN STAR
SYDNEY DIAMOND
Outsider:—Buckfastleigh.

DAILY DOUBLE:—EVE OF PEACE AND FAR VIEW.

SATURDAY'S SPORTS

CRICKET

FIVE cricket matches were played on Saturday, K.C.C. virtually winning the Senior League as the result of a victory over Recreio, while University upset Craigengower Juniors and had much the better of a drawn game.

Leading performances were:—

BATTING

J. Macauley	91
J. M. Gosano	75
A. E. Noronha	72
T. C. Lo	47
A. B. Hamson	47
D. J. N. Anderson	46
J. F. MacGowan	46
H. Tyler	41
D. Chelliah	40
W. L. Clarke	39
R. S. W. Patterson	37
R. S. Gill	36
D. Hung	34
M. A. Wuhab	31
W. Colledge	31
G. Ainslie	31
F. J. Lay	30

BOWLING

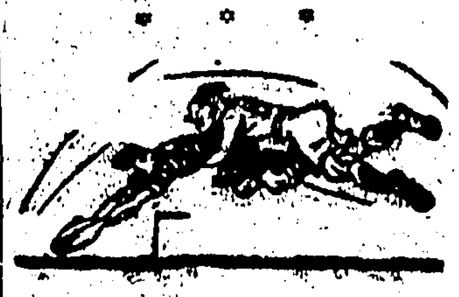
M. R. Abbas	6 for 43
N. D. Lloyd	5 for 54
H. Danbrowsky	4 for 47
C. Whitfield	4 for 48
J. F. MacGowan	4 for 61

FOOTBALL

The Second Round of the Shield Competition was played on Saturday and with the exception of the Royal Navy-Royal Scots game the results were as expected.

Signals were badly beaten by Service Corps in the Junior Division by 4 clear goals.

Club surprised Kowloon in First Division to win by 3 goals to 1 while in Third Division, Air Force received a severe setback when they were beaten by the odd goal in five by 35th Royal Artillery.



RUGBY

Combined Services were held to a three all draw by a Combined Club-Police team at Happy Valley on Saturday.

In the Services "A" game against Club and Police, the former won by 15—8 after being 6—0 down at one stage.

FORM GUIDE

Following is a complete survey of racing at the Valley this year, giving the time, first three ponies, their jockeys and weights, won by and when—A.M. stands for Annual Meeting, and 1 or 2 means first or second day:

AUSTRALIAN GRIFFINS, 1941

6 FURLONGS

1 18.2—Distant View (Pih, 152); 2, Vis Major (Sokoloff, 152); 3, Starlight (Moller, 152). 3 and 5. A.M.1.

ONE MILE

1.51.0—A Happy Time (Holden, 152); 2, Fleetwing (Poy, 152); 3, Colooma (Black, 152). 5 and short head. A.M.1.

1 MILE 171 YARDS

2 00 3—Fleetwing (Poy, 152); Starlight (Moller, 152); 3, Mountain View (Pih, 152). 3 and 1. A.M. 2.

1¼ MILES

2 19 4 First Love (Liang, 152); 2, Prairie View (Pih, 152); 3, Marsh Warbler (Black, 152). 3 and short head. A.M.1

1½ MILES

2 54 1 Distant View (Pih, 152), 2, Oracle (Needa, 151), 3, First Love (Liang, 152). Many and 3. A.M.2

AUSTRALIAN SUBS, 1941

HALF MILE

51.1 Moonlight (Noodt, 149), 2, Bona Vacantia (Sokoloff, 152); 3, Fresh Air (Ip Kui-ying, 149). 2 and short head. A.M.2

54.1 Bendemeer (Needa, 152); 2, Royal Sovereign (Noodt, 152); 3 Newborn Star (Craven, 152). 2 and 4. A.M.2.

6 FURLONGS

1 18.4 United Express (Ip Kui-ying, 152); 2, Fresh Air (Woo, 149); 3, Newborn Star (Craven, 152). 5 and ½. A.M.1.

1 19 4—Amulet Star (Craven, 152); 2, Black Seal (Chao, 152); 3, A Surprising Time (Holden, 152). Neck and short head. A.M.1.

1.19.4—National Welfare (Tao, 152); 2, Happy Returns (Wei, 149); 3, Vitamin M. (Black, 152). Head and head. A.M. 1.

ONE MILE

1.48.0—Manhattan (Hearne, 149); Jus Gentium (Sokoloff, 150); 3, Endeavour (Wei, 152). 4 and 3. A.M.1.

1.52 0—United Express (Ip Kui-ying, 152); 2, Tien Tien (Sung, 150); 3, Casino (Tang Man-wa, 149). Many and 2. A.M.2.

1 MILE 171 YARDS

2.00 0—Dutch Treat (Botelho, 152); 2, Black Seal (Chao, 152); 3, Bugle (Wei, 149). Short head and ½. A.M.2.

1¼ MILES

2.30.2—Santa-Anita (Liang, 153); 2, King's Flight (Needa, 153); 3, Corsair (Botelho, 150). 3 and 2. A.M.2.

AUSTRALIAN OLD PONIES

ONE MILE

1.46.2—Sapper (Davis, 159); 2, Far View (Pih, 158); 3, Viceroy (Black, 152). 5 and 2½. A.M.1.

1.56.0—Many Thanks (Hearne, 159); 2, Vixen Tor (Noodt, 147); 3, Pumpernickel (Tao, 153). Many and 4. A.M.2.

1 MILE 171 YARDS

1.59.1—Fair Chance (Wei, 146); 2, Springhurst (Poy, 148); 3, Vixen Tor (Noodt, 143). 1½ and short head. A.M.1.

NEW CHINA PONIES

6 FURLONGS

1.23.3—Oolong (Needa, 152); 2, Lovelylight (Noodt, 152); 3, Palber (Chao, 152). 3 and 4. A.M.1.

1¼ MILES

2.41.0—Velvetlight (Moller, 152); 2, Eve of Deception (Coppin, 156); 3, Raconteur (Wei, 152). 3 and many. A.M.1.

1½ MILES

3.02.0—Oolong (Needa, 152); 2, Velvetlight (Moller, 152); 3, Lovelylight (Noodt, 152). 1 and 6. A.M.2.

OLD CHINA PONIES

6 FURLONGS

1.34.2—Eve of Peace (Wood, 155); 2, Lovely Star (Fung, 159); 3, Royal Wedding Eve (Feilden, 160). 6 and many. A.M.2.

1 MILE

1.50.3—Conquering Time (Moller, 150), and Eve of Reason (Davis, 135); 3, Hughber (Chang, 135). Dead heat and short head. A.M.2.

1¼ MILES

2.25.1—Navylight (Moller, 153); 2, Eve of Harvest (Davis, 153); 3, Confusion Bay (Needa, 156). Head and ¾. A.M.2.

1¾ MILES

3.20.1—O-Lan (Needa, 149); 2, Eve of Harvest (Davis, 149); 3, Burford (S. W. Tang, 152). 2 and short head. A.M.1.

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Sing Tao Beaten In Shield Tie

St. Joseph's Defence Pave Way To Victory

Macdonald, Guy And Flanders Shine For Winners

By "Referee"

ST. JOSEPH'S caused the first big surprise in the Senior Shield Competition this season when at Causeway Bay yesterday they beat Sing Tao by two clear goals after a goalless first half.

Sing Tao fielded their usual team while St. Joseph's introduced Guy and Flanders to their side and played D. Leonard at left half in place of Lau Hing-kwong.

Saints owe their victory to their defence for in the first half they were given a gruelling time against the Sing Tao forwards and though their goal had some narrow escapes were able to keep it intact.

During that period they could not assist their forwards to any extent as they were hampered by the strong wind and were thus unable to place their passes as desired. In the second half they had a better hold of Sing Tao forwards and plied their forwards with good passes.

With perhaps the heaviest defence against them, Sing Tao forwards could make no impression on Saints's defence and were always beaten with high balls.

Guy in the pivotal position, played a good game and showed glimpses of his old interport form. He had the centre well covered and his hard tackling and hard kicking cleared his lines often. He was safe with everything overhead.

He had Kwong Ying-kee so well held in the second period that the centre forward was never dangerous.

Leonard Sound

D. Leonard, in an unusual position at left half, played himself to a standstill and used his weight whenever required with the result that Yeung Shui-yick was put off his usual game and was not so dangerous. Leonard also paid constant attention to Fung King-cheong and with those two players held in check by him and Kwok unable to do anything against Guy, the sting of Sing Tao's attack was taken out.

At right half, Castilho did his bit well. He found the ground slippery at times but was able to keep Ip Pak-wah in check.

Good Backs

Behind this intermediate line were two sound backs in Bowen and Hussain who did not place a foot wrong. Hussain covered Bowen admirably while the latter was safe in his kicking.

The good display of the other defenders gave Sammy Tsang, in goal, every confidence and he played an exceptionally good game. He brought off a good save in the opening minutes of the game and in the second half saved several good shots.

MacDonald proved to be a great leader. He took the shortest route to goal and worried Cheung Wing-choy so much that the latter was not as safe as usual.

Santos and Flanders were a dangerous left wing pair and the latter gave the Saints' attack that spurt they have always needed.

Flanders sent over good centres one of which resulted in a goal.

Sing Tao Start Well

Sing Tao started off well and took up the offensive early on but they were not able to score. Leung Wing-chui kept his forwards well supplied with passes while Chui Ai-fai and Soong Ling-sing generally had the measure of the Saints' forwards.

Yeung Shui-yick and Fung King-cheong were engaging the constant attention of Leonard but the passes were often intercepted by Bowen.

Ip Pak-wah and Lai Shui-wing were seen in several good movements but lacked finish.

In the second half the forwards fell off badly and with the Saints applying continued pressure Sing Tao defence were often drawn out of position resulting in both wingers being unmarked.

Mak Shui-hon and Hau Yung-sang could not cope with the movements and were often beaten by the inter-passing of the Saints' forwards.

The Scoring

After a goalless first half in which Sing Tao had more of the play, Saints scored through Santos after MacDonald had forced Cheung Wing-choy to drop the ball and shortly after MacDonald placed the Saints further in the lead with a good goal. The goal started from D. Leonard who retrieved the ball almost on the touch line and sent Flanders away on the wing. The latter sent over a perfect grounder which was met by MacDonald.

In spite of this deficit Sing Tao forwards played better and Tsang was called upon on several occasions but Saints' defence were able to hold out.

ST. JOSEPH'S—Tsang; Bowen, Hussain, Castilho, Guy, Leonard, Cruz, Santos, McDonald, Gomes, Flanders.

SING TAO—Cheung Wing-choi, Mak Shui-hon, Hau Yung-sang, Soong Ling-sing, Leung Wing-choi, Chui Ah-fai; Yeung Shui-yick, Fung King-cheung, Kwok Ying-kee, Lai Shui-wing, Ip Pak-wah.

YESTERDAY'S SOCCER RESULTS

SENIOR SHIELD			
Kwong Wah	1	Eastern	2
St. Joseph's	2	Sing Tao	0
JUNIOR SHIELD			
Sing Tao "B"	1	36th R.A.	0
Navy	3	International	2
SECOND DIVISION			
R.A.O.C.	2	Kwong Wah	2
Kit Chee	2	Engineers	3
THIRD DIVISION			
24th R.A.	5	A.S.A.	0

FOOTBALL SNIPPETS

Sing Tao's team are leaving for Manila on Wednesday, accompanied by Mr. Aw Ho as manager.

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Eastern are leaving for Manila on April 12 to play three games there.

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As South China will be visiting Australia after the present football season they may cancel their projected tour to Manila. The reason is that many of the players will not be able to obtain leave for both trips.

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Leung Wing-chui, Sing Tao pivot, is unable to obtain the necessary leave to accompany the team to Manila.

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Minshull, of 24th Royal Artillery, who represented Combined Artillery in the Senior Shield, has been transferred to 36th R.A.

RACYLIGHT'S FEAT

Beats Eve Of Harvest To Pay Top Dividend

Excellent Racing In Improved Weather

IN RESPONSE TO THE striking improvement of the weather, there was an excellent attendance at Happy Valley to-day when the much postponed Big Sweep Day opened with the Dynasty stable's first win of the annual meeting.

The sky was generally overcast, though the sun occasionally peeped through, but the atmosphere was crisp and enjoyable.

The rains had left the track rather on the heavy side, but it appeared to be standing up well, though it was muddy towards the top. The heavy going explained the somewhat smaller fields.

The only upset during the morning was the victory of Racylight (Noodt up) in the Victoria Stakes. It won from Eve of Harvest and paid $171.20 for its win, the highest pari-mutuel dividend of the meeting.

Distant View, ridden by Mr. Pih, secured his third straight win when he took the Chater Cup without difficulty. He has now won $7,000 in stakes for his owner. He went out to-day the hottest of favourites carrying $17,435 out of a total pool of $21,160.

Backers who took Distant View for a place received ten cents more than those who backed it to win!

1—ALBURY STAKES. — One and a Quarter Miles.

Dynasty's King's Flight, 152 lb. .....(V. V. Needa) 1
Lee Bros.'s Lex Fori, 152 lb. (M. M. Sokoloff) 2
C. H. Chan's Bugle, 149 lb. (C. B. Moller) 3

16 Starters. Won by 4 lengths; 1½ lengths. Time 26.3; 54.2; 1.23.2; 1.52.4; 2.22.2

Pari-mutuel: winner, $14.60; places, 1st $6.20, 2nd $8.70, 3rd $5.90.

BETTING FIGURES

	Win	Place
King's Flight (Needa, 152)	851	847
Bugle (Moller, 149)	737	1197
Strathalbyn (Black, 149)	356	318
Lex Fori (Sokoloff, 152)	294	263
Angel of Glory (Tao, 152)	221	205
Joan (Chang, 152)	124	156
Royal Sovereign (Noodt, 152)	116	121
Saratoga (Liang, 152)	50	71
Anzac Day (Poy, 149)	28	40
Tobaccoship (Botelho, 149)	13	36
Archber (Chao, 152)	10	45
Casino (Tang Man Wa, 149)	3	9
Waywortth (Wood, 145)	3	5

BETTING FIGURES

	Win	Place
Gossiper (Chui, 144)	2	3
Swallow (Ho Hong Ping, 147)	2	7
Friday (Feng, 145)	1	3

2—RACING STAKES. — One Mile.

Lan's World Fair View, 152 lb. (H. C. Pih) 1
Marber's Palber, 152 lb. (L. B. Chao) 2
Co.lene's Sam's Choice, 149 lb. (D. Black) 3

11 starters. Won by many lengths; a head. Time: 29.2; 1.00; 1.29; 1.59.3.

Pari-mutuel: winners, $16.20 places, 1st $6.60; 2nd $5.60; 3rd $10.00.

BETTING FIGURES

	Win	Place
Distant View (Pih, 152)	3487	1816
Canberra (Black, 149)	123	217
King's Welcome (Needa, 150)	111	326
Hascossay (Davis, 152)	111	206
National Reform (Tao, 152)	58	67
Ratio Decidendi (Sokoloff, 152)	47	136
Misty View (Botelho, 152)	6	37

3—CHATER CUP.—From the 1½ Mile Post (About Half Mile 170 Yards).

Lan's Distant View, 152 lb. (H. C. Pih) 1
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Export of rice from the Colony has been completely prohibited, according to a Government decision on Saturday, the "China Mail" learned authoritatively this afternoon.

Vessels with cargoes of rice were prevented from leaving harbour on Saturday and yesterday, and were not allowed to depart until the rice had been unloaded.

A slight improvement in the condition of Mr. Fung Kwok-wah was registered at the Kowloon Hospital this afternoon.

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No. 207 $2,725.80
„ 58 778.80
„ 6121 389.40
Unplaced runners ($50 each). Nos.: 3317, 5279, 2108, 5788, 207, 438, 6121, 1384, 4765, 1822, 5650, 6199, 214, 1692, 58, 5246.

Race 6

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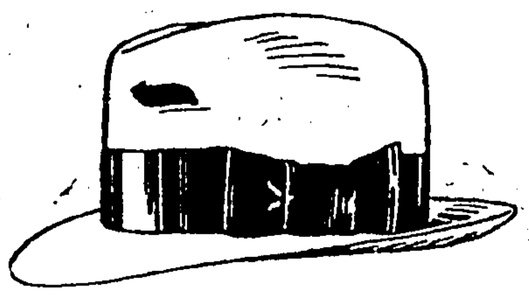

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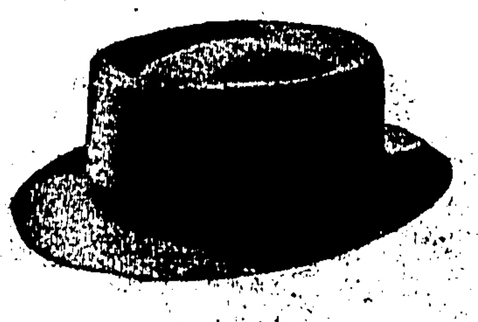

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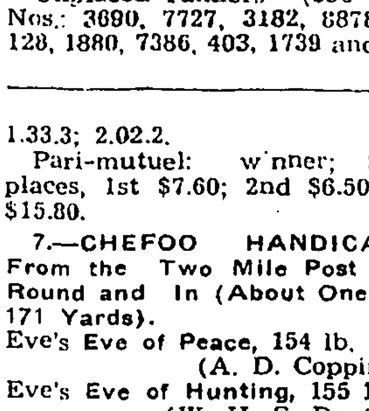

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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1941. Price 10 Cents

UNITED EXPRESS WINS SWEEP FORTUNE FOR NO. 538127

Rooty Hill Derby Run Before Full Capacity Crowd

NECAN'S UNITED EXPRESS, again ridden by Mr. Ip Kui Ying, won the Rooty-Hill Derby this afternoon at the Valley before an almost capacity crowd and thus gave the fortunate holder or holders of ticket No. 538127 the huge first cash sweep prize of $397,600.

ROOTY HILL SWEEP DRAW

As the result of the draw for the big sweep on the Rooty Hill Derby this afternoon, the holder of Ticket No. 538127 wins $397,600.

The complete result is as follows:

First Prize: $397,600 won by United Express (Ticket No. 538127)

Second Prize: $113,600 won by Endeavour (Ticket No. 706719)

Third Prize: $56,800 won by Jus Gentium (Ticket No. 952819)

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It was an excellent race, in which United Express, which recorded its third straight win — it had previously won the first section of the Sydney Maidens and Governor's Cup — led all the way round, and Mr. Hsu was loudly acclaimed when he led in his pony after the race.

Endeavour (Mr. Moller), which had been a disappointment, redeemed itself somewhat by coming second, although it was being rapidly overhauled by Jus Gentium, ridden by the veteran Capt. Sokoloff. Manhattan, third favourite, was fourth.

The injured Mr. Peter Wei led in Endeavour and Mr. S. W. Lee, another jockey, led in Jus Gentium.

The sun was shining when 16 faced the starter in the Albury Stakes, and there was a very fair crowd present.

The track looked extraordinarily good considering the pummelling it was given last Monday and Tuesday in the heavy rain, but the going is expected to be on the heavy side and fast times are unlikely.

King's Flight was slightly more in demand than Bugle, with Strathalbyn third favourite.

Three Left At Start

The start saw Wayworth go the wrong way, and Mr. Wood had no alternative but to dismount in the

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THE CASH SWEEPS

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No. 5589	$4874.10
,, 5871	1392.60
,, 4294	696.30

Unplaced runners (50 each), Nos.: 2446, 307, 7803, 1422, 6726, 5404 and 1814.

Race 10

No. 5296	$4645.90
,, 1352	1327.40
,, 3290	663.70

Unplaced runners ($50 each), Nos.: 4553, 4616, 522, 7400 and 1603.

Race 11

No. 1768	$4601.80
,, 2021	1314.80
,, 3645	657.40

Unplaced runners ($50 each), Nos.: 6887, 760.

DETAILED RESULTS IN PAGES TWO AND THREE.

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TO-DAY'S RACING RESULTS

Complete details of to-day's racing are as follows:

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Dynasty's **King's Flight**, 152 lb. ..... (V. V. Needa) 1
Lee Bros.'s **Lex Fori**, 152 lb.
Angel of Glory (Tao, 152) 221 205
Joan (Chang, 152) .. 124 156
Royal Sovereign (Noodt, 152) 116 121
Saratoga (Liang, 152) 50 71
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Tobacconship (Botelho, 149) 13 36
Archber (Chao, 152) 10 45
Casino (Tang Man Wa, 149) 3 9
Wayworth (Wood, 145) 3 5
(M. M. Sokoloff) 2
C. H. Chan's **Bugle**, 149 lb. (C. B. Moller) 3

16 Starters. Won by 4 lengths; 1½ lengths. Time: 26.3; 54.2; 1.23.2; 1.52.4; 2.22.2.

Pari-mutuel: winner, $14.60; places, 1st $6.20; 2nd $8.70; 3rd $5.90.

BETTING FIGURES

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King's Flight (Needa, 152)	851	847
Bugle (Moller, 149)	737	1197
Strathalbyn (Black, 149)	356	318
Lex Fori (Sokoloff, 152)	294	263
Gossiper (Chui, 144)	2	3
Swallow (Ho Hong Ping, 147)	2	7
Friday (Feng, 145)	1	3

2—RACING STAKES. — One Mile.

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Marber's **Palber**, 152 lb. (L. B. Chao) 2
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11 starters. Won by many lengths; a head. Time: 29.2; 1.00; 1.29; 1.59.3.

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Canberra (Black, 149)	123	247
King's Welcome (Needa, 150)	111	326
Hascossay (Davis, 152)	111	206
National Reform (Tao, 152)	58	67
Ratio Decidendi (Sokoloff, 152)	47	136
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Cheerful Star (Tao, 154)	1608	1445
Shuttlecock (Black, 144)	654	307
Catterick Bridge (Chao, 148)	548	531
Bredon (Davis, 137)	367	360
Australian Prince (Liang, 135)	224	247
Cockleroi (Ip Kui Ying, 145)	154	139
Quick Despatch (Noodt, 145)	119	207
Double Finesse (Sokoloff, 159)	107	190
Bruno (Treverton 143)	104	144
Annabella (Chung, 137)	86	167
Centre Court (Yuen, 153)	87	106
Maple Star (Botelho, 152)	70	147
Sea Jay (Poy, 159) ..	46	52
Winnie (Lee, 137) ..	18	31
Springshine (Chiu, 135)	7	21

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	Win	Place
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Happy Returns (Chao, 149)	1283	1305
Moonlight (Noodt, 149)	635	864
Bendemeer (Needa, 152)	496	643
Twinkling Star (Moller, 152)	383	440
Sydney Lady (Hearne, 152)	322	316
Corsair (Botelho, 149)	295	381
Snow White (Pih, 149)	99	149
Wayworth (Black, 149)	86	91
Battle (Chang, 152)	77	109
Dashing Beauty (Tao, 152)	39	67
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Royal Wedding Eve (Sokoloff, 159) ..	1479	1765
Eve of Hunting (Davis, 155)	1266	1453
Sylvandale (Tao, 150)	425	491
Scenic View (Pih, 159)	223	289
King's Worthy (Noodt, 148)	203	275
Valorous (Needa, 150)	199	315
Phoenix (Liang, 151)	92	118
Portrush (Treverton, 138)	77	96
Piet Hein (Botelho, 155)	74	105
West Lake (Lee, 154)	72	143
Bressay (Hearne, 146)	65	90
Chatterbox (Chang, 148)	54	83
The Tigress (Chui, 133)	17	23

8—ROOTY-HILL DERBY AND SPORTS CLUB CUP.—One and a Half Miles.

Necan's **United Express**, 152 lb. ..... (Ip Kui Ying) 1
Mrs. Chuong Ho Yen's **Endeavour**, 152 lb. ..... (C. B. Moller) 2
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BETTING FIGURES

	Win	Place
United Express (Ip Kui Ying, 152) ...	3263	2540
Endeavour (Moller, 152)	2435	2109
Manhattan (Hearne, 149)	1900	1493
Vitamin M. (Black, 152)	706	644
Black Seal (Noodt, 152)	367	400
Never-Never (Needa, 152)	337	293
National Welfare (Tao, 152)	244	283
A Surprising Time (Chao, 152)	199	199
Dutch Treat (Botelho, 152)	188	217
Jus Gentium (Sokoloff, 150)	136	187
Mainsail (Yuen, 152)	60	138

9—KARA KARA HANDICAP. —Six Furlongs.

Vilaja's **Viceroy**, 147 lb. .... (D. Black) 1
Lan's **Far View**, 159 lb. ..... (H. C. Pih) 2
Cocoa's **Brown Derby**, 135 lb. (G. Treverton) 3

10 starters. Won by A Head; Short Head. Time: 55.1; 71.1; 1.18.

Pari-mutuel: winner $42.80; places, 1st $7.50; 2nd $5.70; $36.50.

BETTING FIGURES

	Win	Place
Far View (Pih, 159)	3564	3280
Lancashire Chips (Chao, 148)	489	848
Vanity Fair (Davis, 135)	408	417
Viceroy (Black, 147)	578	894
Criffel (Needa, 150)	149	234
Australian Diamond (Chang, 137)	143	219
Busylight (Noodt, 135)	126	236
Lucky Lady (Hearne, 148)	78	126
Brown Derby, (Treverton, 135)	40	72
Chiltern (Yuen, 135)	17	28

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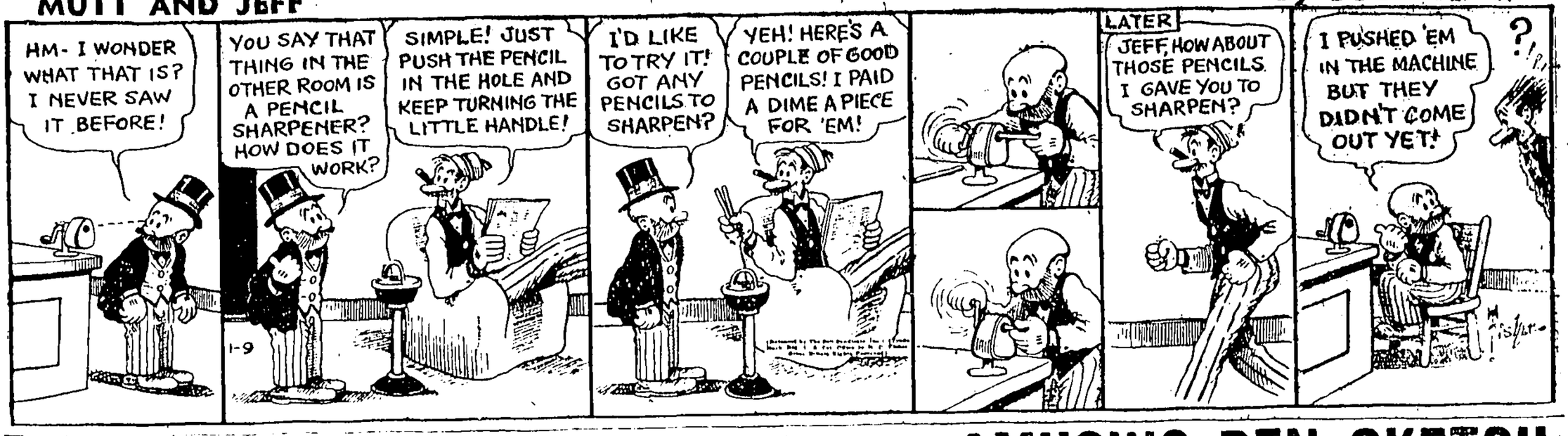
MUTT AND JEFF By BUD FISHER



A Chat With Mr. Needa

"If it is bone-dry I will take O-Lan out in the Champion Stakes," said Mr. V. V. Needa, who won his fourth Hong Kong Derby on Tuesday.

"But it is hard to make any definite statement at this stage," he went on. "I'll tell you what, though. I think the fields are too big for some of the races confined to Australian ponies.

"You see, we must remember that when the Course was laid out it was meant for China ponies. These Australian animals are so much faster, and as they are also longer there is a tendency for them to swing out when rounding a bend.

"And again," Mr. Needa continued, "in the case of a good pony being left at the start, the chances of it ever getting through in time to win a race are very slight. You see, the other not-so-good ponies are bound to be in the way, and it is a terrible job trying to get through.

"I think", he concluded, "the maximum number of starters for a race of this nature should be limited to twelve."

Do Not Get Breaks

Mr. Needa, asked what he thought of the Novice jockeys taking part in racing to-day, replied that in his opinion Mr. Yeung Wing-kwai was the "boldest" of the lot. One has to be bold, Mr. Needa remarked, to be any good. He added, however, that the novices here do not "get the breaks."

Owners pay such a big price for their ponies that they are not inclined to let novices "practice on them." Mr. Needa said he could appreciate that attitude but at the same time he was sorry for the novices.

Victor Needa.

AMUSING PEN SKETCH OF MR. VIC NEEDA BY S'HAI SPORTS WRITER

The following is reprinted from a back number of the "Shanghai Evening Post & Mercury." It was written by Joe Morang, Sports Editor of that paper, in 1933, when Mr. Needa returned to Shanghai after his first visit to Hong Kong for the Annual Race Meeting.

If it walks, crawls, flies, eats, swims, rolls, floats, pulls, shoves, runs, sleeps or destroys he has it. If he hasn't it at hand he can get it for you within the hour.

"He", in this case, is Victor "Sharkskin" Needa, the gent who can be counted upon for an instant response when a page makes the rounds on a hunt for The Most Versatile Man In Town.

Jockey, cobbler, tailor, importer, exporter, bookie, crooner, food dealer, salesman, commission agent, broker, authority on all things pertaining to the manufacture of sukiyaki and unofficial Mayor of Avenue Haig. That's him—The Most Versatile Man In Town.

If you have something to buy, he'll sell it to you. If you have something to sell, he'll buy it from you. If you feel like celebrating he'll help you hold up any bar you suggest. If you are down in the dumps his rates as a professional listener are very reasonable and his sympathy is of a high standard and straight from the roots.

He drives around town in a puddle-jumper and wears a "sharkskin" coat made of linen.

At the figure skating championships held at the Metropole Gardens he excited the admiration of the multitude in his capacity as chief bell-clapper and timer. It was universally admitted afterward that nobody had ever before exhibited such poise and ease of motion in ringing a bell.

His right-arm has become muscle-bound from the elbow down as the result of proposing toasts.

He was once heard to refuse to attend a circus because somebody had told him the heat was in tents. He puns. He can go eight days without a drink of water. His favourite expression, which he uses almost constantly, is: "This I like!"

He is the only goalkeeper in existence to have guarded his citadel in an important soccer game by stretching full-length on the cross-bar and going to sleep. He has a passion for fish, and has eaten so many that he recently remarked that he was in danger of acquiring a distinct herring cast to his features.

He once started to play the bassoon, but explains the stigma away by claiming he was too young to offer any serious objections.

He took Hong Kong by storm, toyed with it and cast it away like an old glove. A sharkskin glove. Made of linen.

He likes egg in his beer.

He can make a noise like a drink of water. He is distinctly theatrical in tendency, and unless forestalled, will without warning present his own versions of those two classics, "Willie, My Toes Are Sore," and "Possum Up A Gum Stump."

That's Victor "Sharkskin" Needa, business man, entrepeneur, connoisseur, gourmet, promoter and generally accredited Most Versatile Man In Town.

TO-DAY'S RESULTS

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10.—AUSTRAL RACING STAKES.—One and a Quarter Miles.

Gredmaka's Colooma, 152 lb. (D. Black) 1
T. K. L.'s Oracle, 149 lb. .... (V. V. Needa) 2
Lan's Prairie View, 152 lb. .. (H. C. Pih) 3

3 starters. Won by Short Head; 3 lengths. Time: 28.3; 55.2; 1.23; 1.51, 2.19.3.

Pari-mutuel: winner, $49.30; places, 1st $8.50; 2nd $5.80; 3rd $8.10.

BETTING FIGURES

	Win	Place
Amusement Tax (Liang, 152)	199	234
Colooma (Black, 152)	712	746
Gloaming (Poy, 152)	420	400
Man-O'-War (Tao, 152)	135	172
Nomine Poenae (Chao, 152)	1889	1486
Oracle (Needa, 149)	3734	3295
Prairie View (Pih, 152)	804	858
Riverside (Boltelho, 152)	72	151

11.—HOPEFUL STAKES. From the Two Mile Post Once Round & In (About One Mile 171 Yards).

T.K.L.'s Oolong, 159 lb. ..... (M. M. Sokoloff) 1
Cire's Velvetlight, 159 lb. ... (C. B. Moller) 2
Marber I's Charlesber, 152 lb. (L. B. Chao) 3

5 starters. Won by Short Head; many lengths. Time: 11.4; 43.2, 1.13.4; 1.43.2; 2.10.4.

Pari-mutuel: winner, $8.20; places, 1st $5.40; 2nd $5.50.

BETTING FIGURES

	Win	Place
Oolong (Sokoloff, 159)	3708	1906
Velvetlight (Moller, 159)	1884	1238
Charlesber (Chao, 152)	883	478
Odeon (Needa, 152)	272	175
Eve of Paradise (Wood, 147)	141	81

NEW PONIES NOT GIVEN BEST CHANCE

THE FOLLOWING INTERVIEW WAS GIVEN THE "CHINA MAIL" BY ONE WHO HAS EXPRESSED HIS DESIRE TO REMAIN ANONYMOUS.

"In my opinion", he said, "the one thing that is wrong with the new ponies in Hong Kong is the fact that they have not been given a proper chance to get into condition.

"They arrive here say in about October and are put into training almost immediately. They are galloped over long distances and short distances. They are whipped even in training.

"I hold that no pony should be whipped. No, not even in a race. Of course in some very close finishes one has to apply the whip, but here again two very quick touches ought to bring about the desired effect.

"You see, the secret of getting the most out of a pony in a race is not how hard a jockey can whip his horse. It is how well he can use his hands."

Talking about successful training, this owner-jockey said that the ideal thing would be for owners to hold over their new ponies that show the slightest sign of shyness, but in this connection he added that this is not always practicable.

"Held over ponies," he concluded, "invariably pay for the added expenditure of the extra year's keep, but most important of all they perform 100 per cent better after the extra nursing."

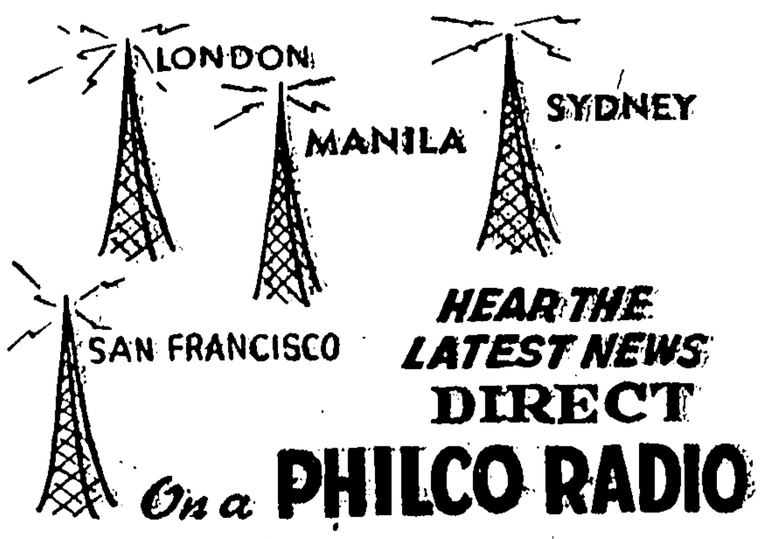
ROOTY-HILL DERBY WINNERS

Following is a complete list of winners of the Rooty-Hill Derby since it was first run in 1932:—

1932—Polar Star (Li) in 2.55.
1933—Night Star (Li) in 2.57.1.
1934—Able Amazon (D. S. Li) in 2.56.4.
1935—Cold Morning (Y. T. Fung) in 2.48 (Record).
1936—Yo Ho (Marshal) in 3.02.3.
1937—Gypsy Love (D. S. Li) in 2.43.3 (Record).
1938—Tornado Star (Marshall) in 2.51.
1939—Triumphant Day (Tao) in 2.49.
1940—Fair View (Pih) in 2.41.4 (Record).

It is interesting to note that up to 1939 this race was known as The Rooty-Hill Derby, but after that it became known as The Rooty-Hill Derby & Sports Club Cup.

This year's event is for 1941 Australian subs.



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Race-Week In Old Hong Kong

MELODY STAR'S RECORD

In the last race on the Second Day of the present Meeting, Melody Star, ridden by Mr. D.H.S. Craven, fell and brought down Fair Chance (Mr. P.Y.T. Wei up), and it was later found necessary to destroy Melody Star.

A 1940 Australian subscription griffin, Melody Star, which was by Double Court, was a bay mare of 14.3 hands. It had seven starts during 1940 and up to December 31, 1940 had won stakes totalling $1 400.

Owned by S.M.K., Melody Star, with Mr. B. A. Proulx up, was second to Australian Diamond (B. L. Tao) in the First Section of the Sydney Maidens at the 1940 Annual Meeting, winning $400 in stakes in this race and paying $11.80 for a place bet on the parimutuel.

At the same Meeting, when again ridden by Mr. Proulx, it was first in the Albury Stakes, from the 1½ Mile Post, returning a time of 1.00.3 for the distance and securing $1000 in stakes for its owner. It paid backers $7.60 for a place bet.

S. M. K. owns only one other pony, Harmony Star, and this has yet to place.

Another pony that had to be destroyed, on the First Day of the present meeting, was Mr. S. W. Chan's Jungle Princess (Mr. D. G. Woo). Making its first appearance in a race, it fell near the paddock when taking part in the Coral Handicap.

Mr. Chan has only one other pony, Red Rabbit, which has yet to place.

ALBURY STAKES WINNERS

Following is a list of winners of the Albury Stakes since it was introduced in 1936:—

1936—Electron (Frost) in 1.08.3.
1937—Katinka (Frost) in 1.03.1.
1938—A Better Time (Pote-Hunt) in 1.05.2.
1939—Sydney Lad (Proulx) in 1.03.
1940—Flying Dutchman (Needa) and Sparrow (Chao) dead-heated in 1.01.

This year's event is for 1941 Australian subs.

Colourful Picture Of Colony's Only Social Function

LONG before dawn, in the various stables throughout the tiny city of Victoria, grooms were rubbing down their horses, inspecting hoofs for loose shoes and feeding them sparingly. Gentlemen jockeys, civilian, naval and military, keenly looked over their harness for any flaw which might result in broken girths or stirrup leathers and thus broken bones through a tumble, for they were to race that day.

From both sides of Happy Valley the horses padded softly along behind their grooms. Those from Jardine's Stables—where the Po Leung Kuk is to-day—were lucky, for it was but a step from Caroline Hill to the track, while those that entered from Victoria and Wellington Barracks had to plod the length of Queen's Road from over the winding path that led between the tangled, undergrowth clad slopes of Mount Parish and Morrison Hill.

Dismal and deserted, the hills at night were infested with Chinese footpads, and it need be a daring man to negotiate that path through the hills after sunset. For this reason the grooms were heavily armed, and as their steeds plodded along in the dark, they kept a wary eye for furtive shadows along the road, their right hands clasping the butts of heavy-bore percussion pistols, cocked and primed, ready to fire at the least suspicious movement in the underbrush.

At Happy Valley rough matsheds had been erected to shelter the horses from the glaring heat of the day, and here they champed their teeth contentedly, snorting at the cool spring water offered in buckets from the stream that meandered leisurely down the mountainside from Wong-nei-chong Gap, past picturesque squatter holdings under rustic bridges to broaden out finally when it reached Goose Neck Bridge, now named Bowrington Canal.

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The Dawn of A New Era

IN the fashionable Spring Garden Lane elegant ladies stirred uneasily when the first rays of the sun pierced wide-flung windows and startled awake the small punkah boy with a sharp admonition to get on with his job, for the air was still oppressive and humid beneath the mosquito curtains, but when they suddenly remembered that to-day was race day they sat up with pleasurable excitement.

Already various booths had been erected around the race-course. Coolies under the sharp-eyed supervision of tavern proprietors were struggling with heavy beer casks, hoisting them on stands while others fashioned rough benches and tables for customers to sit at.

The matshed Grand Stand, booths and other properties of the turf began to bloom with gaily-coloured flags that hung limply in the dull morning air.

As the sun rose higher in the heavens, so did the numbers around the race-course increase as swarms of people streamed over the Gap. The mile and a half of dusty earthen road between Happy Valley and the city of Victoria was crowded with a moving mass of humanity, in vehicles, sedan-chairs, on horseback and on foot.

Soldiers, resplendent in the Queen's uniform, with dazzling belts of pipe-clayed buff and shiny brass buttons twinkling in the sun, strode along perspiring heavily under their thick garments.

By Paul Gregory

Jolly sailors with wide-brimmed straw hats rolled along beside them, the pleasant prospects of a foaming tankard of beer helping to dispel any misgivings of a drought.

Kilted Scots, turbaned Lascars, bearded Sikhs, swarthy Manilamen from the Isles of Luzon, Americans, Germans, Frenchmen—all that medley of nationality that has always added to the cosmopolitan aspect of Hong Kong—trudged along, unmindful of their sweat-sodden clothing and the clouds of dust that stifled them.

But the Chinese swarmed supreme. Shaven-pated, with long queues, they jubilantly poured onto the track in their thousands to view the foreigners on horseback. They thronged the ridge behind the Black Rock, lined the railings of the course, and watched expectantly from the vicinity of the Monument. Elaborately coiffured Chinese ladies in bright silk jackets and stiffly starched trousers moved among them, presenting a distracting picture to Chinese masculinity as they hobbled along on their bound feet.

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Languid Ladies With Parasols

IN the covered matshed Grand Stand bespurred officers, stiff as ramrods in their brilliant uniforms, danced attendance upon languid English ladies in crinoline who shielded their pale faces from the harsh glare of the sun with dainty parasols. They were comparatively few, for death on this lonely isle claimed many of their number. But to the humble members of this tiny community of exiles surging around the booths and rails, their pallid features and European dress symbolised the western civilisation that had come to spread its influence in far off Cathay.

Discharged soldiers, shipwrecked seamen, and others who had joined the infant police force at that time for want of better jobs, sweated profusely in the heat beneath dingy helmets, as they moved through the crowd with eyes peeled for belligerent drunks and stealthy pickpockets. On the whole the throngs were very orderly, and the services of the constables were not required, at least on the race-course itself. But when the races were over, and everybody went back to town, Queen's Road was the scene of many a drunken brawl, which generally ended with those concerned being picked up to spend the night in Victoria Gaol.

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Chinese Take To The Bookmaker

THE races began in the afternoon, and the same interest in the sport was manifested then as now. Eager spectators watched the weighing-in of the jockeys and harness on the cumbersome beam scales, and as the starting bell clanged for each event, rushed excitedly to and fro, seeking to find a place of special vantage for viewing the race. The whip of the starter's flag found them keyed-up with expectancy, and when the horses leapt forward from the starting-line, they cheered madly as the pounding hoofs thudded along the track amid clouds of dust.

Through the crowds passed and re-passed the bookmakers, calling the odds. There was much betting, the Chinese being as excited as the foreigners, and laying wagers with equal ardour.

The greatest good humour prevailed, and as the throngs milled about the course between events, they discussed the prospects of the races in a babel of tongues, and liberally patronised the many booths and stands.

Men from the Seven Seas clustered around the improvised bars, quaffing mugs of beer, and bantering the ladies of easy virtue who paraded down the greensward, sunning themselves in the frank, appraising glances of unattached bachelors, and shrugging delicate shoulders at furious stares from outraged modesty in the Grand Stand.

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Chinese Riders Also Take Part

THE races lasted three days, and on the last the Chinese themand on the last the Chinese themselves took part. Their race was aptly named the 'Native Scrambles,' and it was a rough and tumble event that was really laugh-provoking.

The Chinese jockeys appeared in a variety of costume; some donned silk, with buckskins and tops, while others wore their usual coolies' dress, some even minus their shoes. The entries were generally a dozen or so Manila ponies, and as many of the riders fell off at the start; the hilarity of the spectators baffled all description. But in view of the fact that the dismounted cavaliers showed great pluck and got up grinning as if nothing had happened, this merriment was by no means unmixed with admiration.

The lucky fellow who came in first was applauded in grand style, but most of the others were nowhere, many of the ponies galloping in without riders, seemingly enjoying the fun as much as anybody else.

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EARLIER MEETING POSTPONED

As far as can be ascertained, the Annual Race Meeting has only once before been interrupted by rain. That was some 25 to 30 years ago, but all efforts to trace the date have proved futile.

One of the Stewards of the Jockey Club said that it was sometime between 1910 and 1914 that the opening day had to be postponed because of wet weather.

In 1918, of course, the Meeting was called off after the disastrous Race Course Fire which broke out in the afternoon of February 26, 1918, the Second Day of the Meeting. About 600 lives were lost in the fire.

Excitement Inconceivable

SUCH was race-week in old Hong Kong. It was more than just an assembly of the local public at Happy Valley to watch the trials of horseflesh: it was the *one* social occasion of the year, marked by lavish hospitality, abundant conviviality, and the most extraordinary camaraderie.

As a writer of the period, relating what he saw in Hong Kong in the 'fifties, said:

"The Londoner cannot conceive the excitement caused in this little island by the races. One may smile at this truly English mania struggling against strong discouragement, but when we first saw the race-course at Happy Valley, we were tempted to declare that it is the most picturesque spot in the whole world. Nowhere were races so well attended in comparison with the number of the population, for the English exile seeks to cheat himself with some semblance of his homeland." And so might we of the present day were it not for the fact that those earlier struggles have now resulted in making horse-racing a well-established part of the social and sporting life of the Colony.

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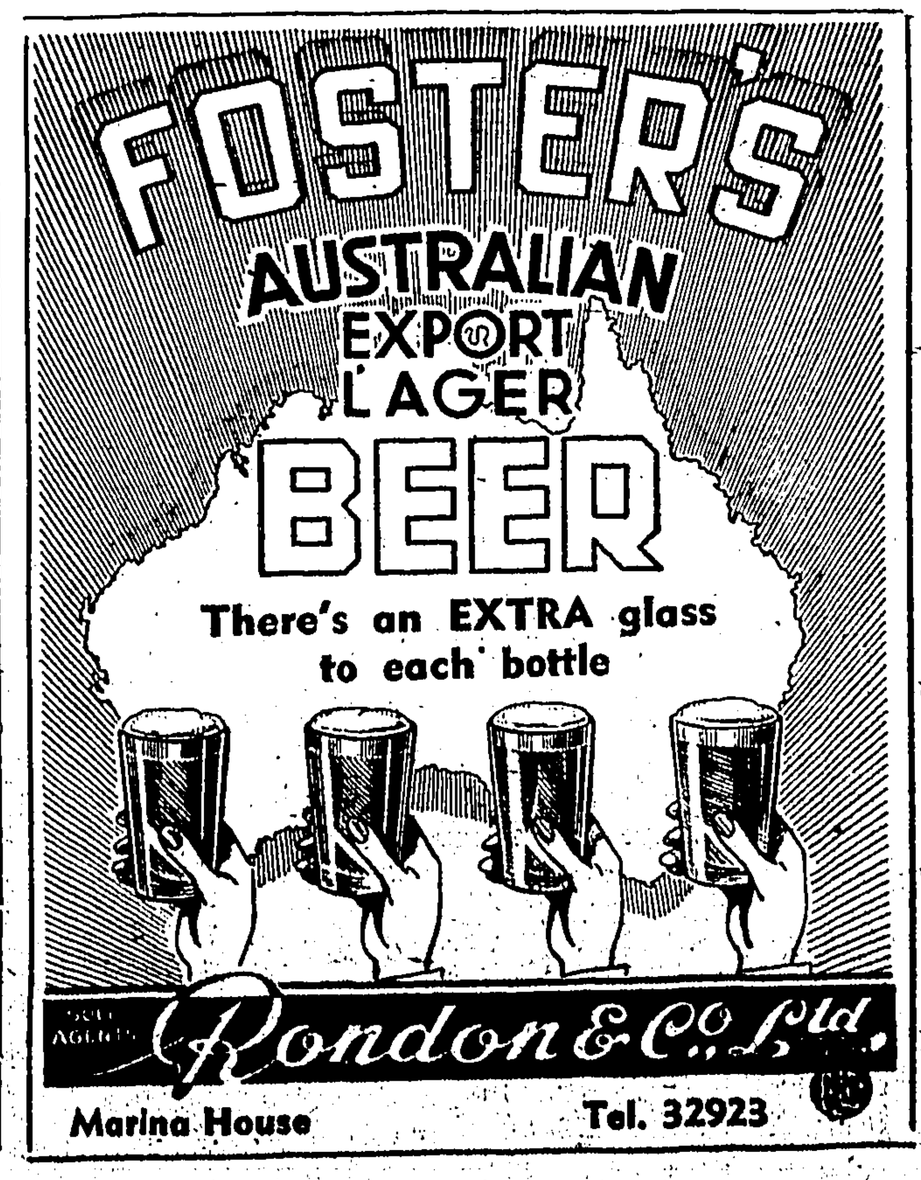

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THE TIME FOR WINNING

Hitler's spoken threats by this time cannot add greatly to the world's fears, but his promises to the German people are so concentrated upon 1941 that he faces himself the major challenge of Now or Never.

Hitler has set his own goal, and the time is near when he must deliver. This fast-approaching crisis is not only a deadly stress, one of the most appalling that men and women have been called to bear in all history, but it brings with it a flaming hope. If Britain holds him off, Hitler will have suffered disaster on the most bitter and undeniable scale.

Although Berlin was aflutter last summer with gay speculations whether England would fall in July or August, Hitler himself was too cagey to commit himself to a timetable. In June, right after Dunkirk, he merely promised "destruction," without dates, of the enemy in London and Paris.

On September 4 he reassured his people: "When the British say: 'He doesn't come,' my answer is: 'Keep your shirts on — he is coming.'"

His New Year's greetings to the army promised: "The year 1941 will bring consummation of the greatest victory in our history."

His anniversary speech this month predicted: "The year 1941 will be a historic year for the new European Order." He spoke of "definite bases," and "when the time comes we will launch a decisive blow. These gentlemen will realise in this historic year that we used time well." He saw 1941 as the year in which his armies "will wrest victory."

Seizure of England and ending of the war are Hitler's pledges under the contract, to be delivered this year. His victory cannot be deferred. Not to occupy and destroy the power of England, even to the eyes of the propaganda-saturated Nazi zealots, would be a failure beside which Italy's debacle would look almost like winning.

And so Hitler must throw into this boasted effort all the strength he has. His 'planes must blacken the sky, all of them. Millions of his soldiers must push into the moat of the channel, spending lives without count in order to buy success. Hitler must win, and if the assault fails, he has been defeated. No excuses! Time, after that, runs swiftly against him, and the spirit of his followers may drop to 1918 levels.

It is a desperate chance on which the world's freedom depends — this decision whether Britain now can defend her island against the gamble of 1941's Genghis Khan, who must sweep onward or perish.

It is inescapable. And it is not hopeless. The hope of the world is backed by a courage which has accomplished miracles already. Grant survival to Britain in the months just ahead, and the long lane of Hitler's conquest has reached its turning.

A Trip To Kabul

By W. Rees Harriss, M. I. J. Lond

The few travellers that from time to time make their way into Afghanistan, generally go by way of the Khyber Pass, and it was by this famous Pass that I went up to Kabul to join the staff there of the first British Embassy to Afghanistan.

Detraining at Peshawar, the railhead of the North Western Indian Railway, and the most northerly British military cantonment station in the North-West Frontier Province of India, I proceeded by motor car onwards at two o'clock in the afternoon.

For Jamrud, which guards the Indian side of the Khyber Pass, ten miles distant from Peshawar, was soon reached, and entering the Pass, followed a narrow, zig-zag track, running between bleak rocks and overhanging crags.

On all sides there were signs of the ceaseless watch kept in this key to India, both to protect the Pass, and to prevent the fierce Pathan tribes that dwell in the adjoining mountains, from sweeping down on a marauding expedition into the fertile plains below.

There was but little movement, though each ridge was dotted with picquets of soldiers, and on all commanding positions could be seen forts and blockhouses cutting into the skyline.

Guardians Of Khyber Pass

Overhead, along the line of the track, ran the tireless aerial ropeway, used for transporting material for the Khyber Railway, and also to convoy food and stores to the troops watching in the farther outposts.

The present guardians of the Khyber Pass, called Khassadars, consist of an irregular force of Afridis, raised on the tribal system, the maliks (chiefs) of each tribe furnishing reliable quotas of men for this purpose.

Before the British occupation of the Khyber, the several tribes that occupied this region levied tolls on all passengers and caravans passing through their respective sections, on an average each five miles of the Pass representing a kind of independent kingdom, with fiscal autonomy.

Pass Now Quite Safe

Finally; these tribes were given an anuual subsidy equal to the amount of their yearly revenue from the tolls. At present the body of Khassadars enrolled to protect the pass, are collectively responsible for the safety of the Pass itself, and fifty yards on each side of it. The frequent blood-feuds between the various hill tribes, are not allowed to be fought out is this area. Violence and sniping have now become extremely rare, and the Khyber may at the present time be traversed with greater security than some of the London or Paris thoroughfares — by day, for the man who would venture in the Khyber Pass at night, would ccurt almost certain death. After nightfall, even the Afridis themselves, when belated, avoid the Pass, and reach their villages by devious side paths.

Proceeding on the journey, Fort Ali Masjid was reached at 4.50 p.m. Isolated, on a small ridge above the fort, overlooked by grim and rugged mountains, was a small British cemetery where a few young officers and men, who were killed in action against the Afridis in 1919, are buried.

Panorama Of Wild Scenery

The route from Ali Masjid lay through a narrow gorge, hemmed in on all sides by overhanging rocks. The road was one tortuous, winding course, changing its direction with kaleidoscopic rapidity, and presenting an endless panorama of wild scenery, whose ruggedness and grimness filled one with a feeling of awe. Profound stillness reigned, only broken by the movement of the automobile, which rushed over the narrow, ledge-like road, now taking a sharp turn to the right, then an abrupt turn to the left, now ascending, then descending, while the track left in the rear seemed to resemble narrow streaks, one above the other, on the rocky slopes.

Landi Kotal, ten miles from Ali Majid, was reached at 6 p.m. This is a fort situated in the middle of the Pass in a large circular plain, shut in on all sides by lofty hills, at present garrisoned by English and Gurka troops.

London Street In Wilderness

As I motored into the precincts of the fortress, where I was to spend the night, a team of British soldiers was seen playing football on the plain. The soldiers in this far-flung outpost seemed to know how to make themselves at home. Another evidence of this was forthcoming when a little later on in the evening I took a stroll along the military lines. Looking at a sign post, I observed that I was in "Bond Street." Somewhat further on were "Whitehall," the "Embankment," and to crown all "L'avenue de la Grande Armee," which was given to one of the Gurka lines.

The journey was continued next morning to the frontier over the Nichni Kandao summit, and then down a descent of some 3,000 feet, a precipitous drop down the side of a steep mountain slope, into valleys which alternately broadened and contracted, and so to Landi Khana, the last British outpost, and the Afghan boundary at Torkham, which was reached at noon. A line of white stones separated British and Afghan territory, and a few yards in front of where my motor car came to a dead standstill, as Afghan sentries barred further progress, was a large signboard on which was written in bold characters in English:—"It is absolutely forbidden to cross the border into Afghan territory."

After inspection of passports, the journey was resumed.

I was now in the Independent Kingdom of Afghanistan. There was no sudden change in the landscape. To the right the Mohmand Hills stood out sharp and majestic, with their snow-clad peaks glistening in the midday sun, while to the left was the Safed Koh (White Mountains), overtowering all the hills in the foreground, and forming as far as the eye could see one long, unbroken line of white, save for a patch here and there where the snow had melted and laid bare the mountain side.

Seven miles from Torkham is Dacca, a small village in a wide valley, surrounded by a mud wall, from which the children scampered forth and shouted their salaams as the car sped past. What was particularly noticeable were the features of the young girls, which strikingly resembled the biblical types of the old Israelites, lending colour to the claim of the Afghans to be one of the ten lost tribes of Israel.

Terrific Heat

The caravan stations of Basawal, ten miles from Dacca, and of Balticot, ten miles further on, were successively passed, and Jellaabad, ten miles from the last stage, was reached at 4 p.m. where a halt was to be made for the night at the Bagh-i-Shahi (Garden of the King).

The last stage was over a comparatively wide valley, dominated by the Safed Koh on the left, and the Laghman Ridge on the right. Heavy stretches of sand here and there considerably impeded progress. It is said that in July, under the influence of the terrific heat which prevails, this sand in places becomes so hot that it is possible to cook an egg in it.

Jelalabad, famous for the defence by Sir George Sale in 1838, is situated on the Kabul river, almost midway between the Peshawar valley and Kabul. It has a permanent population of 3,000 souls, which is largely increased in the winter by an influx of tribesmen from the surrounding hills, who come down to enjoy the milder climate.

Beautiful Gardens Passed

Begh-i-Shahi was entered through a beautiful avenue of cypress trees, which led into a spacious garden, in the centre of which were the palace buildings and guest-houses.

These grounds, enclosed by a mud wall about twelve feet high, were beautifully laid out with flowers arranged in ornamental beds, and plots of fruit trees, interspersed with paths tastefully adorned with palms and ferns. Orange trees were conspicuous, and many had fruit ripening on them. There are said to be five hundred trees in the grounds, which were planted in a single day, ten each by fifty of the courtiers of the then Amir, at his order. Marble channels irrigated the grounds, drawing their water from several artificial tanks, in which fountains played.

Fiercert Tribe In Afghanistan

Resuming the journey next morning at 10 o'clock, we proceeded through a narrow valley, over a metalled road, past the walled villages of Bowali, Sultanpore and Fatehabad, each situated ten miles from one another, to Nimlah, where these is a rest-house of the Amir. A short halt was made here. It was quite an idyllic spot. The rest-house was situated in the midst of a charming old garden of the Moghul type, said to have been planted in 1610 by Shah Jehan, father of Aurangzeb, the last Moghul emperor of India, and contains some fine specimens of the chenar tree, several of which are over a hundred years old.

Nimlah is situated in the Khuggani's country, whose inhabitants are reputed to be the wildest and fiercest in the Amir's dominions. When the journey was resumed at 12.30 p.m., I was curious to get a glimpse of the people, but beyond a few children who gambolled and shouted salaams, and a few women who took a coy look at the motor from beneath their burkhas, no one was to be seen. The men folk seemed to be all absent.

The road soon became very much obstructed by camel caravans, which seemed to form continuous streams moving in opposite directions, and the car had continually to slow up, as the camels reared and jumped about in evident distress.

Nearing Jagdallak, the next stop, the road narrowed perceptibly, and steadily ascended a winding track. Range upon range of hills rose up before us, bounded by the Safed Koh on the left, and the majestic Hindu Kush in the right. The temperature fell considerably, and a keen wind sprang up, which penetrated the fur coat I wore.

Round and round the mountain paths the car zigzagged, and at moments it seemed as if we must be shot over the precipice into the gorge below. Thick ice was lying on some of the slopes, while a blinding dust, driven by the wind, considerably impeded progress, as it was difficult to see many steps in advance either man or beast. We frequently ran into the tail end of a caravan before either was aware of the presence of the other. When there would be a shouting and a scampering, the camels in their fright dashing now to one side of the narrow path, seemed for a moment to hang perilously over the ledge, and then in terror scampered to the other side, where their drivers would try to hold their heads towards the mountain slope as we motored by, in imminent risk of the camels backing and pushing us over the precipice.

World's Weirdest Place

Jagdallak, fifty miles from Jelalabad, was reached at 6 o'clock in the evening. Of all weird places in the world, it is difficult to imagine one more weird then this. A single, solitary hill rose up from a narrow valley, on one side if which was the bed of a river, almost dry, except for a few rills coursing erratically over the plain, which uniting a little farther on, disappeared into a narrow gorge. All round this plain rose up bleak and grim hills, devoid of all vegetation, some of them of the most grotesque shapes, cutting off all view of the country beyond. A place of sinister memory, for it was at Jagdallak that the fierce tribes that inhabit this district fell on the disorganised and demoralised British force that had retreated from Kabul in the winter of 1839, and literally exterminated them, only one man out of twelve thousand escaping to tell the news of the most tragic disaster that ever befell British arms.

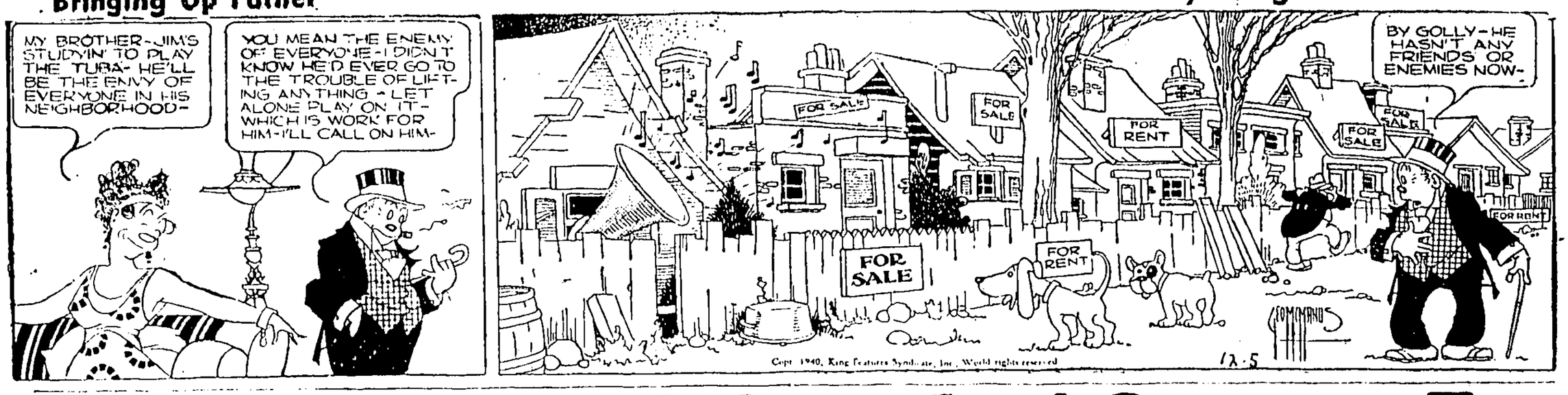
Nightfall was already approaching, and the dark-gray clouds looked heavy with snow, as the car zigzagged round the steep ascent and finally reached the summit of the hill, which formed a small, quadrangular plateau, flanked by a low balustrade of stone, in the centre of which was a rest-house of the Amir. Here, at an altitude of 7,000 feet, the night was passed, and notwithstanding the huge log fires that burned on the open hearth of my room, the cold and pitiless winds that prevail at this time of the year made rest impossible.

Captivating Scene

Leaving Jagdallak the next morning at 9.30 a.m. we followed a winding path over the mountains, on all the slopes and summits of which lay deep snow. Immediately in front was the Lataband Range, which dominated the scene, and stood out against the horizon as a huge barrier. As we approached nearer, the Half Kotal Pass opened up. Soon a captivating panorama came into view. All around was one vast expanse of white, from which snowclad summits sprang up, forming an undulating series of white pinnicles, which stretched out row upon row until they merged in the horizon beyond. Higher and higher we ascended, until we seemed to have reached the level of the summits around. We were now on the highest point of the pass, Balutok, 8,250 feet above sea-level. From here the descent commenced, and zigzagging down through the narrow, precipitous paths, from where the snow had been cleared and piled against against the mountain side we finally emerged into the Kabul gorge.

Leaving the gorge we entered a wide plain between low-lying hills, and came to Buthak, where there is a small rest-house. After making a brief halt at this place, the journey was continued over a broad plain for about six miles to Baghrami, a shooting-lodge of the Amir, situated on the left bank of the Logar river, five miles from Kabul City, which had been appointed by the Afghan Government as the temporary residence of the British Legation, and which was duly reached at six o'clock in the evening as the setting sun dropped behind the snowy peaks of the mighty Hindu Kush.

Bringing Up Father — By George MacManus



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O-Lan And Sapper For To-morrow's Champions

Burford And Distant View The Danger

By "Rapier"

Interest in racing to-morrow will be centred on the two Champions events, i.e. the Champion Stakes (China Ponies) and the Australian Ponies Champions.

TWO NEW RACES

The Austral Racing Stakes, for Australian ponies, griffins of this Meeting, winners barred, over 1¼ miles, and the Sandringham Plate, for Australian subscription ponies of 1941, over six furlongs, are being held for the first time this year.

VICTORIA STAKES WINNERS

Following is a list of winners of the Victoria Stakes over the last 10 years:—

1931—Diana Bay (Hill) in 2.05.
1932—Cyclamen Bay (McCann) in 1.59.
1933—Diana Bay (Hill) in 1.58.2.
1934—Trentbridge (Chang) in 2.03.3.
1935—Liberty Bay (Frost) in 1.55.4.
1936—Gladiator (Frost) in 2.00.4.
1937—Bear Claw (Frost) in 1.56.1.
1938—Bear Claw (Maitland) in 1.58.3.
1939—Desert Chief (Encarnacao) in 1.55.1.
1940—Eve of Harvest (Encarnacao) in 1.54.1.

CHATER CUP WINNERS

Following is a list of winners of the Chater Cup over the last 10 years:—

1931—President Hall (T. L. Wong) in 2.36.2.
1932—Gleneagles (Hill) in 2.32.2.
1933—Champagne Bay (Hill) in 2.38.1.
1934—Don (Sun) in 2.44.1.
1935—King's Bounty (Marshall) in 2.37.3.
1936—Rose Queen (Encarnacao) in 2.42.3.
1937—Dawn Star (D. S. Li) in 2.31.3.
1938—Red Feather (Maitland) in 2.31.2.
1939—Wild Life (Wei) in 2.28.
1940—Spicylight (Moller) in 1.02.4 (Record).

This year's event is for 1941 Australian Griffins.

RACING STAKES WINNERS

Following is a list of winners of the Racing Stakes over the last 10 years:—

1931—Cyclamen Bay (Hill) in 2.05.
1932—Princess Hall (Dallas) in 2.14.4.
1933—*No event.*
1934—Brilliant Star (D. S. Li) in 2.31.3.
1935—King's Jubilee (late Baron Bay) (Marshall) in 2.18.1.
1936—Royal Consort (Harriman) in 1.38.4.
1937—Thunder Bay (Frost) in 2.00.1.
1938—Desert Chief (Encarnacao) in 1.59.2.
1939—Galaxy (Chao) in 2.01.4.
1940—Burford (Pih) in 1.51.2 (Record).

The Champion Stakes, worth $3,000 to the winning owner, is the eighth race on the programme, and though it is open to all the best contenders among the griffins, China Ponies, that have either won or been placed in a flat race at the Valley during the second half of 1940 and or at this Meeting, I doubt whether more than five ponies will go out to face the starter over 1¼ miles.

Following are the probable starters:—

O-LAN (MR. NEEDA).
CONFUSION BAY (MR. PIH).
NAVYLIGHT (MR. MOLLER).
EVE OF HARVEST (MR. DAVIS).
BURFORD.

After its great win in the Challenge Cup on Monday last, I don't think we need look further than O-Lan as the new champion, but it remains to be seen how well it will run over the shorter distance.

With Mr. Moller on top, Navylight won the Foochow Cup over 1¼ miles, and, based on that improved performance, it is expected to give O-Lan a much sterner challenge.

Burford failed to impress in the Challenge Cup, when the best it could do was to take third position, but I believe that it has been rested specially for the Champion Stakes. Given a strong jockey, **Burford will yet prove itself a dangerous contender.**

However, whichever pony wins, the race will be fought out at a rattling fast pace, with the possibility of the record being lowered.

I nominate O-Lan to win, with Burford second and Navylight third.

Sapper's Test

The Australian Ponies Champions is worth $3,500.00 to the winning owner and it will be contested by Australian ponies, winners and placed ponies in flat races at the Valley during the second half of the 1940 season, and/or at this Meeting only.

What a grand race this should turn out to be when the new and old ponies fight for supremacy!

I expect to see the following starting:—

SAPPER (MR. DAVIS).
DISTANT VIEW (MR. PIH).
BAFFIN BAY (MR. NEEDA).
FIRST LOVE (MR. LIANG).
VICEROY (MR. BLACK).
MANHATTAN (MR. HEARNE).
ENDEAVOUR (MR. MOLLER).
UNITED EXPRESS (MR. IP KUI-YING).

After its brilliant run in the Coral Handicap over the mile, Sapper will undoubtedly command the most support, and it is expected to win, but what about Distant View? It will be recalled that Distant View won the Austral Maiden Stakes (six furlongs) and Austral Derby (1½ miles) in effortless manner, and, in view of such performances, it must be regarded as the best 1941 Australian Griffin.

The issue will be fought out between Sapper and Distant View, with the result likely to be in favour of the first-named.

Endeavour, Manhattan and United Express should give a good account of themselves, especially the last-named pony with its speedy movement, and it must not to be overlooked.

I expect Sapper to win, with Distant View second and United Express third.

ROYAL NAVY CUP WINNERS

Following is a list of winners of the Royal Navy Cup for the last 10 years:—

1931—The Pheasant (Frost) in 2.42.4.
1932—Bistre (Quincey) in 2.17.
1933—Bistre (T. L. Wong) in 2.19.3.
1934—Helter Skelter (Heard) in 2.27.1.
1935—Bistre (Tao) in 2.17.4.
1936—Tiny Star (D. S. Li) in 2.26.2.
1937—Wild Cat (T. L. Wong) in 2.13.3.
1938—Rose Evelyn (Encarnacao) in 2.18.2.
1939—Salvage Master (Tao) in 2.17.2.
1940—Guinness Time (Wei) in 2.15.4.

This year's event is for 1941 Australian subs.

CHEEFOO HANDICAP

This race was only introduced last year, when it was divided into two sections. Confined to "D" Class China ponies, the First Section was won by This Time (Mr. P. Y. T. Wei) in 2.17, while Phoenix (Mr. S. C. Liang) won the Second Section in 2.18.4.

CANBELEGO HANDICAP

This race was introduced last year, when it was run over a distance of 1¼ miles. It was confined to Australian subscription ponies classified "B" Class, and was won by Murrumbidgee, with Mr. D. Black up, in 2.15.1.

This year the race will be confined to "C" Class Australian ponies and the distance has been cut down to one mile.

KARA KARA HANDICAP

This event was run for the first time last year when, over a distance of 1¼ miles, Brutus, ridden by Mr. D. Black, finished first in 2.19. The distance this year has been reduced to six furlongs and the race is open to Australian subs, of previous seasons.

HOPEFUL STAKES WINNERS

Following is a list of winners of the Hopeful Stakes over the last 10 years:—

1931—Gold Key (Tung) in 2.03.4.
1932—Wild Life (Tung) in 2.04.4.
1933—Brechin (Clark) in 2.04.2.
1934—Bright View (T. L. Wong) in 2.06.3.
1935—Rose Queen (Needa) in 2.05.3.
1936—*No event.*
1937—*No event.*
1938—Moonlight View (Needa) in 2.33.4.
1939—Hyndford Bridge (Needa) in 2.30.2.
1940—Grether (Gram) in 2.24.4.

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U.S. MINISTER IN FIST FIGHT

Incident In Sofia Cafe With German Civilian

Develops From "Tipperary"

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

EXCITEMENT has been caused in diplomatic circles in Sofia by the revelation yesterday that the United States Minister to Bulgaria, Mr. George Earle, participated in a fist fight with an unidentified German civilian who hurled a champagne bottle at Mr. Earle in the fashionable Maxim Restaurant on Saturday night.

Mr. Earle, a former Governor of Pennsylvania, according to witnesses, requested the orchestra to play "Tipperary."

The German then hurled a bottle, which Mr. Earle warded off.

MR EARLE CROSSED THE ROOM AND THERE WAS AN ALTERCATION. IT APPEARS THAT THE GERMAN, WHO WAS IN CIVILIAN CLOTHES, TRIED TO STRIKE MR. EARLE, WHO THEN STRUCK THE GERMAN IN THE FACE. AFTER WHICH THERE WAS A SHORT EXCHANGE OF BLOWS. BOTH MEN LEAVING BEFORE THE POLICE ARRIVED.

Mr. Earle said later: "Resenting the playing of "Tipperary" the German threw a bottle. I warded it off and retaliated.

"The incident is regrettable but I saw no other course open to me." — International News Services.

WEATHER FORECAST:—North-east winds, moderate; cloudy.

BEDROOM SLAYING MYSTERY

Well-Known Chinesecouple

A sensation has been caused in local Chinese social and sporting circles by a tragic affair involving Mr. Fung Kwok-wah, the well-known amateur jockey, star water-polo player and compradore of the Green Island Cement Company.

Mrs. Fung Kwok-wah is dead having been found with severe head and throat wounds, which proved fatal, and which were allegedly inflicted on her with a chopper by her husband.

Mr. Fung, is now lying in the Kowloon Hospital in a critical condition as a result of a dose of Lysol.

The body of his wife has been sent to the Kowloon Mortuary.

It is learned that the couple went hiking yesterday starting from their bungalow on the Clear Water Bay Road.

Screams Heard

They appeared to be very friendly and nothing unusual seems to have occurred until about 7 p.m. last night, when gardeners were attracted by screams from the couple's bedroom.

Unable to obtain admission after knocking, the servants forced the door open and entering the bedroom, found Mrs. Fung lying on the floor. She was bleeding profusely from throat and head wounds.

Mr. Fung was also on the floor and appeared to be in great pain.

The police were immediately notified but on arrival found that Mrs. Fung had already succumbed to her injuries.

Mr. Fung was sent to the Kowloon Hospital where he was found to be suffering from Lysol poisoning.

The Police found an empty bottle of Lysol and a chopper.

It was later learned that Mr. Fung, when admitted to hospital, was also suffering from wounds on the throat.

A slight improvement in the condition of Mr. Fung Kwok-wah was registered at the Kowloon Hospital this afternoon.

JUST LIKE THAT

ATTACKING THE BRITISH AND AMERICAN MOVES TO STRENGTHEN THEIR DEFENCES IN THE PACIFIC AS "AN UNWARRANTABLE CHALLENGE AGAINST JAPAN," AN OUTSPOKEN EDITORIAL IN THE TOKYO "NICHI-NICHI" TO-DAY WARNS THAT SINGAPORE AND GUAM WOULD BE "BRUSHED ASIDE" BY JAPAN SHOULD SHE BE COMPELLED TO RISE BY BRITAIN AND AMERICA.

The newspaper says the Japanese people like to alvise Britain and America to cease these preparations.

It adds that strengthening the defences around Singapore "under the very nose of Japan" would serve no purpose but to stimulate Japan's peaceful southward policy needlessly. — Reuter.

RICE EXPORT BAN

Export of rice from the Colony has been completely prohibited, according to a Government decision on Saturday, the "China Mail" learned authoritatively this afternoon.

Vessels with cargoes of rice were prevented from leaving harbour on Saturday and yesterday, and were not allowed to depart until the rice had been unloaded.

R.A.F. BOMBS BERLIN

Damage done by R.A.F. raids on Berlin includes the gutting of a small motor department of a large electrical plant in the city area, severe damaging of a chemical plant, temporary disruption of the street car power system and hitting the metropolitan railway.

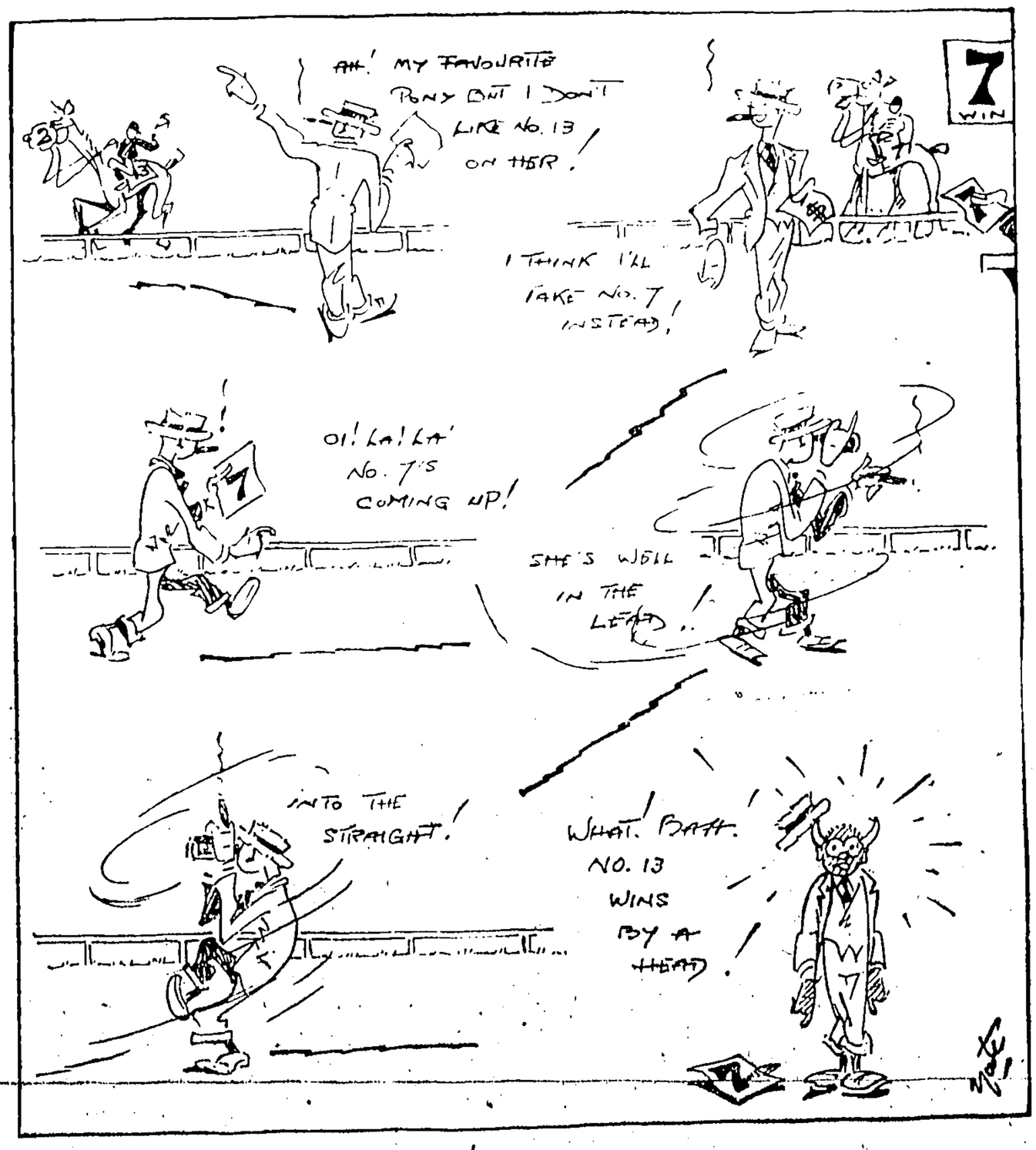
This was revealed yesterday by an American correspondent who has just returned to New York from the German capital.

"News of the effects of the night's bombardments spreads through Berlin like wildfire," he said, "and it would be difficult for the authorities to conceal any important damage even though very heavy penalties are attached for spreading such news.

"Psychologically the British scored a point when they began to raid Berlin last August. Until that point, Berliners generally believed the British would never be able to touch the capital. The Nazis told them so."

The correspondent adds that details of bombing in other areas of Germany are a closely guarded military secret.—Reuter.

SMITH YATES GOES RACING



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UNITED EXPRESS WINS SWEEP FORTUNE FOR NO. 538127

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back straight and watch the field go by on their way to the Rock. Saratoga, Friday and Gossiper were left badly at the start, but Tobacconship, which had previously failed twice at the barrier, was away to a flying start, and passing the Stands for the first time leading, followed by Strathalbyn, Archber, Casino, Angel of Glory, and King's Flight.

Mr. Needa sent King's Flight into the lead at the Rock, followed closely by Lex Fori, and at the 1¼-mile starting gate Bugle came up strongly. Coming into the home straight King's Flight had plenty in reserve and won by four lengths, with Bugle 1½ lengths behind Lex Fori, with Angel of Glory fourth.

The track is still very wet and was churned up badly at the end of this race.

Glossylight Fails

Palber (Mr. Chao) was made hot favourite for the Racing Stakes, following its run in the Maiden Stakes on Monday, but it disappointed, Mr Chao leaving his final effort too late and being fortunate to secure second place by a head.

The race was delayed by World Fair View, which was held by a mafoo and which twice refused to face the barrier.

Glossylight third favourite, went out in front from the start, with World Fair View (Mr. Pih), second favouriate, running on its outside. Sam's Choice was third and Iron Beauty fourth. At the football stands Iron Beauty had secured third place, and going up to the Rock it went up to second when Glossylight faltered badly. World Fair View was by now well ahead and it won on the bit by many lengths, with Palber, which was only prominent in the home stretch, second and Sam's Choice third. Iron Beauty was a poor fourth, followed by Glossylight.

Its Third Win

Mr. Li Lan-sang's Distant View (Mr. Pih) was backed to win the Chater Cup to the extent of $17,435 in a total win pool of $21,160, and it did not disappoint. Drawing second place it got away to a flying start with Fleetwing, which drew first position, and King's Welcome in close attendance. At the Rock King's Welcome was second, but at the 1¼-mile starting gate Ratio Dicendendi was second to Distant View, only to be displaced by King's Welcome on the bend into the home stretch. Distant View went on to win by 5 lengths and Fleetwing came again to secure second place by two lengths from Misty View, which finished strongly to give its 37 backers $31 each. King's Welcome was fourth and Ratio Decidendi fifth.

Distant View thus won its third successive race, having previously won the Austral Maiden Stakes and the Austral Derby and has now won $7,000.

Challenges Too Late

The Victoria Stakes attracted only seven of the 18 entries and Eve of Harvest was made favourite, with Spicylight second and Dupont Bay third.

The start saw Gay Star badly left. Racylight took the lead followed by White Diamond, Spicylight, Dupont Bay, Confusion Bay and Eve of Harvest. Going up the Rock Racylight was leading by a length from Spicylight, which was a length ahead of the remainder of the field. It was at this stage that Eve of Harvest and Confusion Bay moved up, the Eve candidate being third, six lengths behind Racylight, at the 1¼ mile starting gate.

Eve of Harvest made a great effort in the home stretch, but its bid had been made too late and Racylight, with only 154 win tickets on it, won by a length after Mr. Noodt had given up riding it. It paid $171.20 for a win, the highest dividend of the year.

Spicylight, 1½ lengths behind, was third and Dupont Bay fourth.

Venus Bay Beaten

The start of the Canbelego Handicap was held up for several moments due to Centre Court and Venus Bay, both of which were rearing to go.

When at last the field got away Cockleroi was in front followed by Double Finesse, Catterick Bridge, Cheerful Star, Bredon, Shuttlecock and Venus Bay. At the Rock Catterick Bridge was leading, though Double Finesse was only a head behind. Two lengths farther back came Cockleroi and Shuttlecock. In the home stretch Catterick Bridge just managed to shake off the late challenge of Venus Bay, hot favourite, and Cheerful Star produced a powerful finishing burst that gave it third place over Bruno.

Catterick Bridge paid $53.10 for its win.

At the tiffin interval Mr. H C Pih was leading the jockeys with two wins in as many starts, while Mr. Needa, leading jockey to date, had a win and a second in four starts. Mr. D. Black, the champion jockey, had yet to record his first win, having a third in four starts—up to this interval he had had five thirds in 19 starts.

The Lan Stable headed the owners' list at the interval with two wins and a third, while the Cire Stable had a win and a third.

Big Sweep Closed

At 12.15 p.m. the mammoth $1.00 Cash Sweep on the Rooty-Hill Derby, to be run at 4 p.m. to-day, was closed at exactly one million tickets, thus making the first prize worth $397,600, the second prize $113,600 and the third $56,800. The remaining 63 entries for the race would receive $2253.90 each.

Again Refuses To Race

An even larger crowd was present after tiffin and not for some years has there been such an attendence at the Valley.

The Royal Navy Cup attracted 15 of the 65 entries and Wayworth, belonging to Wayfoong, was again sent out—it went out in the first race under Mr. Wood but failed to run—but not even the champion jockey, Mr. Black, could get it to race.

Battle, Moonlight, Dashing Beauty and Bendemeer were to the fore in the early stages, but at the 1¼-mile gate Happy Returns was well out in front with Bendemeer second. Happy Returns went on to win by a length, despite boring out slightly 100 yards from the post. Santa-Anita, the hot favourite, was second and Sydney Lady, which finished strongly, third. Moonlight was fourth.

Cup Presentation

Following the race Capt. Collinson, Commodore, Hong Kong, presented the Royal Navy Cup to Mr. Li Chi-chok, owner of the winning pony.

Mr. T. E. Pearce, Chairman of the Stewards, in calling upon the Commodore to make the presentation, said it was a happy omen indeed that the Cup should be won by a pony called Happy Returns for that was what Hong Kong was waiting to say to the Navy here.

Capt. Collinson congratulated Mr. Lee on his pony's success and said it gave him great pleasure to hand over the trophy on behalf of the Royal Navy.

Second String Wins

Despite being the second string of the Eve stable, Eve of Peace (Mr. Coppin) was made favourite for the Chefoo Handicap, and it won as it liked after taking the lead at the Rock, where Eve of Hunting accepted the challenge but had to concede ground before the straight was reached. Eve of Peace then went on to win easily, with Eve of Hunting just beating Royal Wedding Eve. The Tigress was fourth.

All first three ponies were heavily backed.

Rooty Hill Derby

There were 11 acceptances for the Rooty-Hill Derby, on which some fortunate person or persons won $397,600, and United Express was made favourite, with Endeavour second in demand, followed by Manhattan and Vitamin M.

A Surprising Time was left at the start and United Express went out into the lead followed by Mainsail, Manhattan and Black Seal. At the football stands United Express was out in front followed by Manhattan, Mainsail and Endeavour, but in the back straight Endeavour went up on the rails to third position and Jus Gentium began to move up quickly, being fourth at the Rock, where United Express was leading from Endeavour, with Manhattan third.

Coming into the straight, United Express was too far ahead to be caught, but Mr. Ip Kui-ying was taking no chances and he rode determinedly to win by 1½ lengths from Endeavour, which was being rapidly caught by Jus Gentium, an outsider which paid $29.50 for its place. Manhattan was fourth.

Far View Beaten

The Kara Kara Handicap saw an upset when Far View (Mr. Pih), which had an indifferent start, was beaten into second place by Viceroy (Mr. Black). There were no fewer than 3584 win tickets on Far View, and the total win pool was only 5612!

Lucky Lady and Australian Diamond were first away from the barrier, with Far View third. At the 1¼-mile gate, however, Lancashire Chips was in the lead and Far View was fourth, but it was coming up rapidly on the bend into the home stretch and actually led at the mile starting gate, Lancashire Chips then being second. Fifty yards from the post, however, Far View was overhauled by Viceroy, which had just managed to get through, and the ex-champion had all its work cut out to beat Brown Derby by a short head for second place. Variety Fair was fourth.

Viceroy, which gave the champion jockey his first win this year, paid $42.80 for its success.

Mr. Black Wins Again

The "Double"—Eve of Peace and Viceroy—paid $114.50.

The Austral Racing Stakes attracted only eight of the 40 entries and resulted in another upset, Oracle (Mr. Needa), hot favourite, being beaten into second place by a short head by Colooma (Mr. Black), third favourite, and Nomine Poenae, second favourite, running fourth.

Having broken his "duck" in the previous race, Mr. Black showed a return to his best form when he sent Colooma into the lead at the 1¼-mile starting gate and went on to win by a short head from Oracle, which finished very strongly after being badly placed in the early stages. Prairie View, which made up lost ground at the Rock was third and Nomine Poenae, pace-maker in the early stages, a poor fourth.

Colooma paid $49.30 for a win.

Mr. Needa's Gesture

Mr. V. V. Needa made a sporting gesture in the Hopeful Stakes when he gave Captain M. M. Sokoloff, a rival of his former Shanghai days, a mount on Oolong, considered a certainty for the event, while he himself rode Odeon, also from the same stable. Oolong was made a hot favourite and just managed to win by the margin of a short head. Velvetlight was second, and Charlesber, which only impressed between the Golf Club Corner and the back straight, was third, with Odeon a poor fourth.

The start saw a near collision when Charlesber shied at the barrier close to Eve of Paradise, which was well behind the field throughout the race.

FIVE JOCKEYS NOT TAKING PART

Mr. Peter Wei, who was involved in the accident that marred the last race on Tuesday, did not ride to-day, although he was present in the role of spectator.

Mr. Woo, who was injured when Jungle Princess (later destroyed) came down on Monday, was also not riding. Mr. H. J. Holden and Mr. D. H. S. Craven, who broke his arm on Tuesday, Mr. H. J. Holden and Mr. B. A. Proulx were other absentees.

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EXACTLY A MILLION

The sale of tickets in "The Big Sweep" was stopped at 12.15 to-day when exactly 1,000,000 tickets had been sold.

TRANSPARENT

"The speech repeated many deceptions which events tend constantly to make transparent even to Italians at home," says the New York "Times" commenting on Mussolini's speech.

"It is plain that it is Germany that must save the Mediterranean situation, if it is to be saved, but Mussolini knows, as on Sunday he confessed, that whatever the outcome it will be a hard fight and probably a long one."—Reuter.

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12.—SANDRINGHAM PLATE.
Six Furlongs.

Kwok Yee Chan's Maple Leaf, 149 lb. .....(F. Noodt) 1
S.W.'s Optima Fide, 152 lb. (M. M. Sokoloff). 2
S.K.'s Fresh Air, 149 lb. .... (V. V. Needa) 3

25 starters. Won by 1½ lengths. 3 lengths. Time: 25.3; 52; 1.20.2.

CASH CWEEP

Race 12

No. 3663	$1100.60
,, 5066	1171.60
,, 6844	565.80

Unplaced runners ($50 each), Nos.—3795, 5360, 7027, 5937, 4953, 4820, 713, 2338, 6496, 3920, 8246, 5964, 8170, 6789, 5144, 9422, 389, 6101, 5587, 6947, 3240, 5793.

Pari-mutuel: winner, $52.80; places, 1st $12.60; 2nd $9.30; 3rd $6.00.

New Market Day which was expected to start in the 11th race went lame in the paddock and was withdrawn.

BALKAN CRISIS NEAR

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

The London "Daily Express" reported yesterday that the Germans have occupied four Sofia railway stations and have requisitioned hundreds of villas in preparation for the imminent arrival of masses of troops in Bulgaria.

IT IS ALSO REPORTED THAT GERMAN SIGN-POSTS HAVE BEEN SET UP THROUGHOUT BULGARIA. — INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE.

Meanwhile, it is reported that officers of the German General Staff have entered Sofia.

Traffic in the Bulgarian capital was halted early yesterday morning.

DIPLOMATIC QUARTERS PREDICT THAT GERMANY WILL STRIKE WITHIN A FEW HOURS. — INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE.

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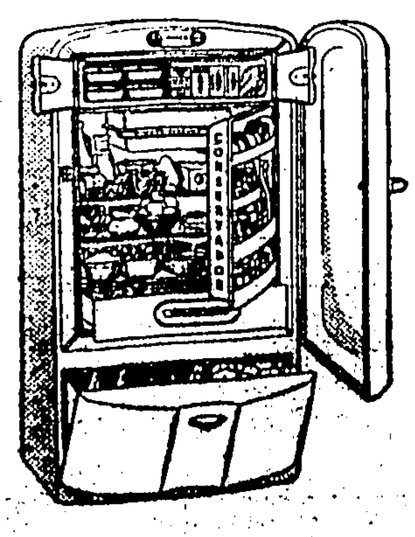

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